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WASHINGTON.

President Grant's Cabinet Satisfactorily Completed.

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Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 11.

Washington, politically considered, was to all appearances quiet and tranquil this morning. Cabinet-making was not much indulged in, but there was, nevertheless, an itching desire everywhere perceptible as to the probable nominees. Prophecies on the subject, coming from what source they may, were suspected and received with distrust. The experience of the last few days had taught even the most credulous that implicit reliance could not be placed on any one. The word or opinion of a Senator or Representative, a leading politician, a journalist, was little better than a shifting quicksand. There were exceptions, it is true, but they were very few, and those who did know the actual situation maintained a discreet silence, for it was impossible to tell what new complications might arise which would completely alter the complexion of affairs and necessitate an entire change of programme. The office seekers prowled around the city with open ears and mouths and eyes, scanning the political skies for the appearance of new stars, but none appeared above the horizon.

Noon brought with it the meeting of the Senate for legislation, and of the lower branch for wire-pulling and speculation. The life of a Congressman at the present time is about the last one in the world to be desired. In nine cases out of ten they are the mere slaves of their office-seeking constituents, forced to run to the White House and to the new Secretaries, to their fellow-members and to their Senators, to use their influence for this candidate and that. Signing of papers, writing of letters of recommendation, dining and wining, is with them the order of the day and of the night. This fearful pressure it was that rendered an adjournment to next week an absolute necessity. The Capitol was the grand rendezvous for the mob of applicants for offices who are here from all quarters and sections. They crowded the galleries, barred the passage-ways of the corridors, filled the Rotunda, gathered in groups in the window niches, congregated in the ante-rooms. No place was too sacred for them to penetrate. They were very patient indeed, considering the circumstances. They had made up their minds that a message from the President would be received about 1 o'clock, and apparently they had also come to the conclusion that until that time it was a mere waste of words and time to guess or to speculate.

The Senate was even duller than usual. There was the usual prayer from the Chaplain—that sanctimonious formality which is daily enacted merely for appearance-sake. Then came the reading of the tedious journal and the equally tedious work of introducing bills and resolutions for the regulation of all sorts of disorders and and for the rectification of all sorts of wrongs. But the President's message, that which all desired, was slow in coming. The most important bill of the session, that one of Mr. SUMNER's to strengthen the public credit, was taken up, but it did not more than half rivet the attention of the large audience to whom the public credit and its strength or weakness were matters of indifference, provided they could secure the one end of their existence to get office and keep it. It was debated until about 1 o'clock, when, as the words, "All further business will be suspended to receive a message from the President of the United States" fell from the Vice-President. All eyes were turned to the main entrance of the Chamber and centered on General PORTER, one of the President's Secretaries. With the words of formality, "I am directed by the President of the United States to deliver to the Senate the following messages in writing," he handed eight envelopes to the Sergeant-at-Arms. They contained the following nominations:

For Secretary of State—Hon. HAMILTON FISH, of New-York.

For Secretary of the Treasury—Hon. GEO. S. BOUTWELL, of Massachusetts.

For Secretary of War—General JOHN A. RAWLINGS, of Illinois.

Hon. ELIHU B. WASHBURNE to be our Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to France.

FRANK MOORE, of New-York, to be Assistant Secretary of Legation at Paris.

DR. ALEXANDER E. SHARP to be United States Marshal for the District of Columbia.

CARRAN A. NEWCOMB to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri.

General JAMES LONGSTREET, late of the Confederate Army, to be Surveyor of Customs for the port of New-Orleans.

SIDNEY A. STOCKDALE to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Louisiana, *vice* SHERMAN resigned.

EDWARD V. KINGSLEY to be Secretary of Legation at Madrid, *vice* HORATIO J. PERRY, to be removed.

Chief Engineer JAMES W. KING to be Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering in the Navy Department, *vice* ISHERWOOD, to be removed.

JAS. F. CASEY to be Collector of Customs at New-Orleans.

MANUAL J. GONZALES to be Chaplain of the Ninth Regiment United States Cavalry, *vice* JACOBS retired.

The Senate at once confirmed the three members of the Cabinet, and also Mr. WASHBURNE's nomination. The remainder were referred. The scene on the reception of the nominations was like that of Friday last—anxious Senators, breathless correspondents, nervous operators, and a curious and anxious crowd filled the Chamber and corridors, and anybody fortunate enough to have a list, was unfortunate enough to be compelled to read it a dozen times before he could escape from the throng of expectants.

The nominations were received with a variety of expression. That of Mr. FISH was generally unexpected, and as he has been so long out of public life, his qualities and attainments had almost passed out of mind, but his high character, his ability and his safety as counselor in his important post are fully conceded. His acceptance has not yet been received.

Governor BOUTWELL's nomination gives great satisfaction in all political and in many, but not all, financial quarters. The confidence of the people in his integrity is so great that there will unquestionably be a hearty response to the appointment from all sections. Governor BOUTWELL has excellent business and administrative capacity, and has a faculty of getting at the truth of matters and the facts of a case with almost unerring certainty.

The nomination of General RAWLINGS as Secretary of War is commended in all quarters. He is one of the ablest officers of the army, though belonging to the civil list, rather than the military. He is cool, discreet, comprehensive, of broad views, keen analysis and quick perception. His feeble health is the only obstacle in the way of his successful administration of the War Department. He will probably resign his commission as Brigadier-General.

THE NEW-ORLEANS APPOINTMENTS.

The New-Orleans appointments are the subject of much discussion. The selection of SIDNEY A. STOCKDALE as Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Louisiana gives unanimous satisfaction. He was strongly indorsed by the Chamber of Commerce and by the merchants, as well as by his political friends. This selection illustrates forcibly General GRANT's knowledge of men. Mr. STOCKDALE first came to his notice as a private in Governor OGLESBY's regiment of Illinois infantry. He was under his eye from that time until the war closed, serving at last as Provost-Marshal on the General's staff. Thence he went to New-Orleans as Deputy Collector of Customs under Collector (now Senator) KELLOGG. He is a young man of unquestioned ability and integrity, and will give satisfaction, beyond doubt.

The appointment of Jas. F. CASEY as Collector of the Port is not so heartily commended by the Louisiana people here, though his ability, integrity and fitness are fully conceded. He is a brother-in-law of the President, and the propriety of the selection is the only objection seriously urged against him. This must give way, when it is remembered that the President becomes directly responsible for the management of the Custom-house, and there can be no doubt that he means to hold Mr. CASEY to that responsibility. Personally the new Collector is a man of fine presence and address, affable and courteous, and even if judged solely from his appearance, it is evident the President has made no mistake in the man.

The nomination of General LONGSTREET as Surveyor of the Port is received with a diversity of sentiment. Many of the Republicans are pleased with it, and it was indorsed by the New-Orleans Republican editors here. Some of the ex-Union soldiers denounce it in severe terms, but everybody concedes General LONGSTREET's ability and integrity, and of its salutary and reassuring effect upon the mass of the Southern people there can be no doubt. There will probably be considerable discussion on his confirmation, and much curiosity is manifested to see the effect produced upon the country by this experiment.

The nomination of Dr. ALEX. E. SHARP as United States Marshal for the District of Columbia is one not only fit to be made, but was to have been expected. This officer is a member of the President's official household, and the custom has always been for the President to select some intimate personal friend or relative. Dr. SHARP is at present a Postmaster at Richmond, and is a brother of Mrs. GRANT.

SECRETARY WASHBURNE'S RESIGNATION.

The following correspondence has taken place between the President of the United States and Mr. WASHBURNE:

WASHINGTON, March 10, 1869.

To the President:

When you did me the honor to confer upon me the appointment of Secretary of State, I felt constrained to state to you that my health would prevent me from holding the position for any considerable length of time. I am already admonished that a proper discharge of the duties of the office would involve more labor and responsibility than I am willing to undertake, in justice to the public interest and myself. If convenient and agreeable to you, I would be glad to have you name my successor as early a moment as you deem practicable, and you will please consider this as my resignation, to take effect as soon as my successor is qualified and ready to enter on the discharge of the duties of the office.

I need not add here, Mr. President, how gratefully I appreciate the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me by inviting me to become one of your constitutional advisers. Had circumstances permitted it, I should have been pleased to have been associated with you officially, and to have aided you as far as in my power in carrying out your views in the administration of the Government upon the principles of honesty, retrenchment, economy, public faith and equal and exact justice to all.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. B. WASHBURNE.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, March 11, 1869.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, Secretary of State:

DEAR SIR: Your resignation of the office of Secretary of State, with reasons for the same, is received. In accepting it I do so with regret that your health will not permit you to continue in the office or some other Cabinet position. Our personal relations have been such from the breaking out of the rebellion to the present day, and your support of me individually in the army and its cause such, that no other idea presented itself stronger to my mind, on the first news of my election to the Presidency, than that I should continue to have your advice and assistance. In parting with you, therefore, I do it with assurance of continued confidence in your ability, zeal and friendship, and with the hope that you may soon be relieved from the physical disabilities under which you have laboured for the last few years.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT.

A GEORGIA DELEGATION AND THE PRESIDENT.

A delegation of the members of the Georgia Legislature, headed by FOSTER BLODGETT, Chairman of the Republican State Committee, and accompanied by J. W. CLIFT, Member of Congress; Colonel HOPKINS, Colonel PRINCE, and Messrs. H. M. TURNER and J. M. SIMES, two of the lately expelled members of the Georgia Legislature, waited upon the President about 2 o'clock this afternoon to present the resolutions of the Republican State Convention, held on the 5th inst., setting forth their grievances and sufferings, and asking that the Reconstruction acts and the act of admission of June 25, 1868, be literally complied with. The delegation was received in the anteroom by General DENT, and after waiting a short time were presented to the President in his private office. Mr. BLODGETT addressed him upon the subject of their visit. The points presented for consideration of the President are: *First*, The brutalities of their grievances, and the reason therefor; *Second*, They point out remedies therefor; *Third*, They earnestly and urgently, but most respectfully, ask Congress and the President to apply the remedy.

After shaking hands with the delegation individually, General GRANT listened to the address of Mr. BLODGETT, and upon its conclusion, said he could not make any reply to what had been said at present. It was a matter he would have to think about and talk over. He wanted to see one thing very much, and that was, all classes of the people protected in their opinions everywhere. He desired to see the *speedy establishment of law and order in the South*. He said he had seen in the papers that the Legislature of Georgia were to-day going to vote on the Fifteenth Amendment, and inquired how they would dispose of it.

Mr. BLODGETT replied that they would pass it. The Democrats in the Legislature had informed him that this would be the case. Congress having inflicted negro suffrage on them, they were now going to try and inflict it, in turn, on the d—d Yankees.

The President smiled and said that was more than he had expected, and seemed pleased at the prospect of so easy a solution of the vexed question. The interview then terminated.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

The Diplomatic Corps called on the President this afternoon at two o'clock, and were introduced by Mr. WASHBURNE. They were attired in their elegant Court costumes. Baron GEROLT then addressed the President. He said:

Mr. PRESIDENT: The representatives of foreign nations accredited to the Government of the United States, have the honor on this occasion to renew the assurances of their sincere wishes for the welfare of your Excellency, and of the nation which has intrusted to you the Executive power of the Government of the United States. In the name of my colleagues, I express the most sincere hopes that the friendly relations now existing between the United States and other nations will be maintained under your Administration. Such, Mr. President, will be the aim of our most earnest and constant endeavors.

The President in response said:

BARON GEROLT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS: I heartily thank you for the kind expression of your good wishes for my welfare and that of the nation which has chosen me as its Chief Magistrate. You may be assured that it shall be my constant endeavor to maintain those relations of peace and friendship which now exist between the United States and the countries which you respectively represent, a purpose which I am happy to learn from you will be fully reciprocated.

The Diplomatic Corps then withdrew.

SECRETARY BOUTWELL.

Governor BOUTWELL visited the President this evening. He will resign his seat in the House to-morrow; will qualify immediately, and at once enter upon the discharge of his duties.

SECRETARY COX.

Secretary COX received a large number of visitors at the Interior Department this morning.

VISITORS TO THE PRESIDENT.

The crowd of visitors at the Executive Mansion to-day was greater than at any day since the President entered upon the duties of his office. There was a perfect avalanche of cards showered upon General DENT for presentation to the President. Private interviews were granted to a great many of the callers, including among them Senators Cole, Cragin, Kellogg, Sumner, Drake, Schurz, Williams, Sawyer, Stewart, Senator Fowler, of Tennessee, Governor Reed, of Florida, and also many Representatives, among them Messrs. Banks, Hawley, Paine, Darling, and others. Besides these, a vast number of persons were admitted to the President's office before 12 o'clock, the hour for closing the doors to visitors.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

The House Committees are expected to be announced by Speaker BLAINE to-morrow. Among the changes are the following: Mr. DAWES becomes Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations; Mr. BINGHAM is transferred from that of Claims to the Chairmanship of the Judiciary; BUTLER is reported to be assigned to DAWES' old place on the Elections, and General PAINE to the Reconstruction Committee. Mr. HOOPER leaves the Ways and Means, and takes the Chairmanship of the Banking and Currency Committee; KELLY, of Pennsylvania, and MCCARTHY, of New-York, both extreme high tariff men, go on the Ways and Means in place of MOORHEAD and GRISWOLD. Mr. SCHOFIELD takes KELLY's place on Naval Affairs, and Mr. WHEELER, of New-York, will be Chairman of the Pacific Railroad. General GARFIELD takes the second position on Appropriations, and General LOGAN becomes Chairman of Military Affairs.

MR. BUCKLEY BELLIGERENT.

This morning about 8 o'clock, Messrs. JOHN M. BINCKLEY, Ex-Solicitor of the Internal Revenue Department, and Mr. ROLLINS, Ex-Commissioner of Internal Revenue, met at the corner of F and Fourteenth streets, opposite Willard's Hotel. Mr. BINCKLEY threw away his coat and cane and attempted to strike Mr. ROLLINS with his fist. Mr. ROLLINS, not caring to engage in a collision, ran along F-street and up Fifteenth-street toward the Revenue Office. Mr. BINCKLEY pursued him until Mr. ROLLINS had nearly reached the Revenue Office. Mr. BINCKLEY, on his way home after this occurred, met Deputy Commissioner HARLAND on New-York avenue. He accosted him with the inquiry "whether he would fight?" He responded affirmatively, whereupon Mr. BINCKLEY knocked Mr. HARLAND down. Mr. HARLAND was being severely beaten, when a crowd interposed and separated the parties. These meetings were casual. This version comes from friends of Mr. BINCKLEY.

The friends of Ex-Commissioner ROLLINS say that when Ex-Solicitor BINCKLEY accosted that gentleman with attempted violence, Mr. BINCKLEY was told that Mr. ROLLINS, (who sought to avoid a street fight,) that any breach of law would be punished, when ROLLINS passed on, followed by Mr. BINCKLEY a short distance, the latter, however, making no further attempt to assault Mr. ROLLINS. Notwithstanding the rough scuffle between Messrs. BINCKLEY and HARLAND, shortly afterward, the latter was not prevented from attending to the performance of his duties as Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Mr. BINCKLEY gave himself into the charge of an officer, by whom he was escorted to the office of a Justice of the Peace, who held him to an appearance at Court in the sum of $500.

THE TREASURY.

Mr. Stewart's Appointment as Secretary of the Treasury and His Declination—His Munificent Charitable Proposition—A Connected Statement of the Case.

From Our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, March 9, 1869.

To-morrow will settle the affairs of the Treasury, for awhile at least. Before this can reach you, Mr. BOUTWELL will have been nominated and confirmed; and other changes will be made to fill places which have been considered as only temporarily supplied. Meantime I send you a connected history of the nomination, confirmation and withdrawal of Mr. STEWART with some facts not generally known in that connection.

The howl of rage raised by the politicians at the remorseless destruction of all their hopes and the dissolution of their "rings" by the announcement of President GRANT's Cabinet was a whisper compared to that of the protectionists at the selection of such a prominent free trader as Mr. A. T. STEWART to be Secretary of the Treasury. There never has been a Cabinet since the Government was formed which gave such widespread dissatisfaction to the old and prominent politicians and ancient office-holders as that of President GRANT; these could have been selected no man who would have developed such bitter and active hostility on the part of the protective interests and representatives as Mr. STEWART. They—the old politicians and protectionists—say that STEWART was the only man in the list really known to the country, and that he was, from what they call his notorious free-trade notions, the most obnoxious that could have been chosen. Now, they are arguing that if the others whom they do not know are as obnoxious in sentiment as this one who is known, that time will develop equally active hostility to the whole Cabinet of General GRANT's selection. Mr. STEWART will doubtless retire; the projected transfer of his business interests now talked of will hardly be consummated, less because it is not feasible, as the protectionists now argue, than because it will have to the public eye the appearance of the evasion of a law, which, as it has been enacted, ought to be enforced. The full history of this appointment will then probably be given to the public. At present, owing to the reticence of General GRANT, and the fact that Mr. STEWART has declined positively to see any of the newspaper men, the real facts of the case, and the motives and status of Mr. STEWART are not fully and correctly known. When they are, and feeling on the subject has died out, it will be recognized that General GRANT was wise in his choice of Mr. STEWART, and not unwise in his prompt request for the removal of his disabilities; and the conduct of Mr. STEWART will redound to his credit and add to the public appreciation of his true character.

There is little doubt that Mr. STEWART greatly desired the position; and just as certain that General GRANT wished him in it. It was the former's most earnest and absorbing wish to make national reputation in the same field that ALEXANDER HAMILTON had; and it is known that it has for a long time past been General GRANT's firm belief that, of all men in the country, Mr. STEWART, a practical financier, largely engaged and experienced in immense manufactures and even greater commerce, already wealthy and beyond the temptation of riches, but eager to add to his reputation as a financier and to establish a name as a statesman, was the one most competent to "smite the rock of the national resources" that "abundant streams of revenue" may gush forth; and to touch "the dead corpse of public credit that it may again spring to its feet." It was a noble ambition and a generous confidence, and it is a great pity that the one cannot be realized and the other proven and sustained.

With this confidence in the practical ability of Mr. STEWART, it seems that General GRANT, from the very first, selected him for the position. There is a statement still flying about the city that Mr. BOUTWELL, now confirmed in it, was originally selected for this position, and that on March 1 he declined it, and Mr. STEWART was selected as the alternative. This is not the case. Mr. BOUTWELL, hearing of this rumor on Saturday last, asked leave of General GRANT to state the facts in the event that inquiry was made of him. He said, as you have already published, that he had declined the Secretaryship of the Interior, but his reasons for so doing have not been given as far as I have seen. I am credibly informed that one of Mr. BOUTWELL's family, in alluding to the subject on yesterday, stated that the reason he declined was that General GRANT would not consent to the radical changes in the *personnel* as well as the policy of the Department proposed by Mr. BOUTWELL. Thereupon Mr. BOUTWELL retired. This explodes the story that Mr. BOUTWELL was General GRANT's first choice as Secretary of the Treasury; and I think I risk nothing in saying that Mr. STEWART was among the earliest men selected for a Cabinet position, and the only one named in connection with the office to which he was nominated. The Treasury Department was not offered even to Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, though his choice of three others, including that now held by Mr. WASHBURNE, was offered to him. I do not know, now that Mr. BOUTWELL goes in, that it is on the conditions which he announced as precedent to his acceptance of the Interior—the permission to make radical changes in the Department *personnel*. The protectionists claim Mr. BOUTWELL as one of their number, but he does not appear to be radically so. He strongly opposed the repeal of the law of 1799 for other than commercial reasons. Since the development of their strength, the more radical protectionists in the House have talked about making KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means in place of Mr. SCHENCK; but in this they will hardly succeed. He will probably go on the Committee in place of Mr. MOORHEAD, but he can hardly hope to be the Chairman.

The nomination of Mr. STEWART was promptly confirmed without question or doubt on the part of the Senate, although more than two-thirds of that body, when the opposition to the repeal of the law in the House was developed, took strong grounds against its repeal. No one in the Senate suspected the existence of the law, but some of those who voted for the confirmation of Mr. STEWART, forgetting this proof of their ignorance of the law, have been satirically alluding to the first day's work of the "President General" (as BISMARCK addressed him) as a "bungling piece of business." The existence of the law was first made known in the lobby. A few minutes after the public announcement of the Cabinet, the attention of Chief Justice CHASE was called to the existence of the law by Judge COWAN, of New-Jersey, and Senator KELLOGG, of Louisiana, subsequently alluded to the fact that as Collector at New-Orleans he had been compelled to take an oath to the effect that he was not engaged in trade or commerce, and added that he thought the law would apply to Mr. STEWART also. In a few hours the news was all over the city. General DANIEL BUTTERFIELD, straying into the TIMES Bureau in Fourteenth-street, was shown a copy of the law, and taking up the volume of the Revised Statutes, immediately proceeded to Mr. STEWART's rooms in the Ebbitt House, and showed him the important document which so seriously affected his case. A consultation with Judge HILTON followed, and on his suggestion Chief Justice CHASE was sought, and his advice on the subject was asked. Mr. STEWART soon learned that the law was still in force, extended and strengthened by supplemental acts, and that he must either give up his business, ask Congress to repeal the act, or resign. Naturally Mr. STEWART did not wish to do the last. "I cannot close up my business in five years," was his reply to the first suggestion. As to the other alternative, he intimated that it was, of course, not for him to express such a desire, or ask Congress to remove his disabilities. Mr. STEWART then repaired to the residence of General GRANT. It was then after tea, General GRANT was at leisure, and the subject was discussed. The President voluntarily, without any suggestion whatever from any source, at once said he "would fix that," and wrote out the rough draft of the message which was delivered to the Senate on the morning of March 6, but which singularly enough, was dated March 4, though the nominations did not go in until March 6, and the existence of the law was not made known to the President until after dark the same evening. It is a clerical error, I suppose. However, it is known that President GRANT's decision in regard to the matter was promptly made in consequence of his desire to retain Mr. STEWART, and that this action was neither suggested nor solicited by Mr. STEWART.

In the meantime the opposition to Mr. STEWART was developing. The fact was loudly and widely asserted that Mr. STEWART was the largest importer in the country; that he paid more custom duties than did the whole City of Baltimore, and more than many others in the country; and the fact that he was also one of the most extensive manufacturers in America was either wholly ignored or violently denied. On Saturday claims of the house of A. T. STEWART & Co. for "drawbacks"—overpaid custom duties—to the amount of about $60,000 had been paid by the Treasurer, and this was quoted as an illustration of the undue and indirect influence which the appointment of Mr. STEWART would have in favor of his mercantile establishment. The fact of the payment was admitted by Judge HILTON, Mr. STEWART's adviser, but explained by him as one of numerous claims of the house then pending; and it was found that during the past year over $1,000,000 in equity claims against the Government for "drawbacks" had been instituted in the Courts by Messrs. A. T. STEWART & Co. It was asserted by the protectionists that the retention of Mr. STEWART was equivalent to the retention, as Special Commissioner of the Revenue, of Mr. DAVID A. WELLS, who is, in consequence of his late conversion from protection to free trade principles, the most obnoxious man in Washington to the protectionists. All sorts of similar rumors were started—among others, which proved false, that a delegation of thirty or forty New-York merchants were en route for Washington to protest against Mr. STEWART's retention—and by Monday, when it was supposed that Mr. SHERMAN's bill repealing the various acts would be called up, the protectionists had developed great strength, and the repeal of the acts was discovered to be impossible.

As soon as this fact was known—early on Monday—Mr. STEWART at once waited on President GRANT, and placed his resignation in his hands. This was done at 9 A. M., on the 5th, but the President, anxious to retain Mr. STEWART, decided to act upon it immediately. During the previous day suggestions had been made, and Associate Justice CARTTER and other legal lights had been consulted on the feasibility of carrying out the old project of dividing the Treasury Department, making the collection of the Customs and Revenue a separate and distinct department. It was decided that the remodeling of the various acts, in order to do this, rendered the idea inoperative at this time, and it was finally decided by General BUTTERFIELD and COCHRANE were the originators of the proposition that Mr. STEWART should retire from all business; and by noon of the 6th, Mr. STEWART was engaged in drawing up the deed of trust conveying his profits and interests in his business to Messrs. W. E. ARTON, JAMES BROWN, and Judge HILTON, as trustees, for any great charity which they might select. He subsequently furnished a written statement of the plan of this gift and the reasons for making it, and this has been sent you by telegraph. On the 6th, the deed of trust and a communication explaining its intent and purpose, was handed to General GRANT; but as you already know that of the two documents the resignation was accepted.

The announcement of his intention to execute this deed reached the leading protectionists late in the evening, and soon spread like wildfire among them. The Pennsylvanians had a consultation, but with what result I am unable to state. The argument was advanced that Mr. STEWART could not legally make over the uncertain interest in a speculative enterprise; and the question was made that neither he nor the President could afford to evade a law in the manner proposed. "General GRANT has declared," said a Pennsylvania representative who had fought under him, "that he will execute the laws of the land as he finds them; and I do not believe he will evade any of them in this way." I have been told and have good reason to believe it true that Mr. STEWART, although willingly executing the deed of trust, expressed himself to his advisers as doubtful of its feasibility for the purpose desired. This has already been fully decided to be impractical, and Mr. STEWART has withdrawn from the Cabinet no one doubts, though it is to be regretted that its enforcement should have at this time deprived the country of the services of a man whose financial ability and commercial character would have added so largely to the strength of the Administration and its policy in their most vital point of the finances. In all that has been said, favorable and unfavorable, in regard to Mr. STEWART and the proposed repeal of the law, I have been struck with the fact that the opinion that his administration of the Department would have been a most striking example of great executive ability is universal. Even the protectionists say this, though declaring that it would not have been, with his free-trade notions, a great financial success.

The opponents of the repeal of the law have frequently alluded to the execution of the deed of trust as an effort to secure popular support. They also say that Mr. STEWART has been actuated by a desire to go down to history connected with the Administration of General GRANT, and that he ought to be satisfied with the honor and the emoluments of unanimous confirmation. I do not think Mr. STEWART has at any time had an idea of seeking popular applause by his charity gifts. I do not think he cares for such applause; and, though the reputation of a Peabody, which he might have gained in this way, is envidiable enough, it is not of the kind to satisfy Mr. STEWART. I cannot imagine Mr. STEWART returning to his business satisfied with the honor of the nomination and confirmation and the holding of the office for a few days; but I can imagine how his pride, his love of his mind and ambition would be the difficult struggle to relieve the financial embarrassments of a great nation, and win reputation as a great statesman. I imagine from a little I have seen of the man in his old place in New-York, the clearness of his power of the perfectly systematized and successful business in the world—that he would rather grandly fail in a great effort to restore the public credit than to retire thus frustrated by an unforeseen obstacle with the unsatisfactory honor he has already secured. As he has said, he is a "business report! A. T. STEWART, and what he would have done had he been allowed to remain in office, will be continually thrown in his teeth, no matter what he accomplishes.

THE CABINET.

George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury.

Governor BOUTWELL, who was yesterday nominated and confirmed Secretary of the Treasury, is a native of Massachusetts. He was born in Brookline, Norfolk County, Jan. 28, 1818. His early years were passed on a farm, and it was expected by his parents that he would eventually become a farmer. Circumstances conspired, however, to prevent this, and young BOUTWELL became a merchant's clerk in Groton. He served a thorough apprenticeship to commercial pursuits, and for some time was engaged in business for himself. During twenty-four years he was actively interested, at the same time, in the work of his trade, gave up his business and commenced the study of the law, and when admitted to practice at the Bar found himself the junior practitioner among much younger men. Taking a deep interest in the Whig party, he was elected to the State Legislature in 1842, where he served continuously for seven years. In 1851 he was elected Governor of the State, and in 1853 was a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention. For eleven years he held the responsible position of Secretary of the State Board of Education, and for nearly the same length of time was one of the Overseers of Harvard College. He was a member of the Peace Conference of 1861. In July, 1862, he was appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue, which he charged with the organization of that department. In 1863 he was elected to Congress, and was immediately assigned to duty upon several of the most important committees in the House, among them the Committee on the Judiciary, which he retained almost uninterruptedly to each Congress convened since that time.

Mr. BOUTWELL has been generally recognized as one of the ablest men in the House—a fluent, impressive debater and a conscientious worker. His studious habits throughout his long public career enabled him to overcome the lack of early education. He possesses a thoroughly disciplined mind, and a memory which treasures up facts and dates, and to the extent that has rendered him one of the most formidable opponents on the floor of the House. He was an earnest supporter of Mr. LINCOLN's administration, and warmly defended the emancipation proclamation and the enlistment of colored persons during the war. When President JOHNSON was brought to trial, charged with high crimes and misdemeanors, Governor BOUTWELL was selected as one of the impeachment managers, and was one of the most determined of those who insisted upon the conviction and removal of that officer. He was also, at that time, a member of the Committee on Reconstruction, and is responsible, to a great extent, for the reconstruction policy adopted by Congress, as opposed to that of President JOHNSON.

In addition to his public duties Governor BOUTWELL has found time to write several books of value, as I is the author of a *Manual of the School System and School Laws of Massachusetts; Educational Topics and Institutions; A Manual of the Revenue System*, and a recently published volume of *Speeches on Reconstruction*.

It is undoubtedly true that President GRANT included Governor BOUTWELL in his original selections for his Cabinet, and that he offered him the position of Secretary of the Interior, which position Governor BOUTWELL declined, preferring his seat in Congress. Mr. STEWART's declination of the Treasury Department, however, leaving vacant the most important, at this time, bureau of the Government, Governor BOUTWELL has concurred to accept the nomination tendered him. His unquestioned integrity, his general ability, and his exceeding familiarity with the revenue system of the country, give him a prestige in entering upon the duties of the position which will neglect no effort to secure public confidence and credit, both at home and abroad. Mr. BOUTWELL's personal appearance is very prepossessing. He is of medium height, has black hair and whiskers, and a countenance indicative of an educated gentleman.

Mr. BOUTWELL's views on financial matters are very well set forth in the following extract from a speech made by him last Fall in the Massachusetts Republican State Convention:

"We do not propose to issue any promises or permit an issue of demand notes, payable in coin, to be one dollar in value in the hands of the United States. We intend, indeed, and if necessary, to contract gradually the volume of paper money, and to maintain its value to the standard of coin. We believe that there will be no difficulty in so doing. The interest on the debt, the pensions, the expenses of the War Department, will be paid in gold. The public dues will be paid, as the expenses of the Government may permit, and to the satisfaction of those who pay and of those who receive. When the credit of the Government is restored, as it will be, the single bond of the citizens of General GRANT, we can issue bonds, payable after ten or twenty years, bearing a lower rate of interest, and these new bonds will be sold at par or at thirty or fifty cents on the dollar. The first of these is a means of realizing the public credit, the second, as a depot by their value of the surplus capital of patriotic honesty in the public finances. The Republican Party known no policy in finance but honesty."

John A. Rawlings, Secretary of War.

President GRANT could have made no selection for the post of Secretary of War which would have been more popular with the army than that of General JOHN A. RAWLINGS, of Illinois. From the first it has been generally conceded that General RAWLINGS would be his choice for the Cabinet, and when General SCHOFIELD's name was mentioned it was understood that the appointment would not long keep RAWLINGS out of his proper place.

The new Secretary of War is a very young man—not over forty, though his precise age is not known. He is a native of Illinois and of humble birth. He educated himself, and at an early age adopted the legal profession. He entered on the practice of law in 1849 at Galena, Illinois, and his once rose to considerable local distinction and great popularity. In the Presidential canvass of 1860 he was a candidate for elector on the Douglass ticket, and stumped his Congressional District with great vigor and success, and was great favorite as a popular speaker.

Although his party friends at Galena were timid about taking sides at the opening of the war, RAWLINGS early determined on his course. A few nights after the firing on Sumter, a meeting of the citizens of Galena was held, and a prominent Democrat was called to the chair. He had begun to talk about "Republican responsibility for the war" and of "compromises," when E. B. WASHBURNE rebuked him by explaining, "Mr. Chairman, any man who will try to stir party prejudices at this time is a traitor." At the same moment RAWLINGS entered the hall, and loud cries called him to the stand. He advanced and made a speech lasting half an hour and ending with these words:

"I have been a Democrat all my life; but this is no longer a question of politics. It is simply country or no country. I have favored every honorable compromise; but the day for compromise is passed. Only one course is left us. We will stand by the flag of our country, and appeal to the god of battles."

A couple of evenings afterward, RAWLINGS and GRANT, who had a slight acquaintance, met at another meeting, and RAWLINGS jestingly proposed to GRANT that they should get up a company.

"As you have seen service you shall be Captain," he said; "and ROWLEY and I will toss up to see which shall be First Lieutenant." The Galena company was raised, but GRANT was not elected Captain, and RAWLINGS got no Lieutenancy. A. L. CHETLAIN was elected Captain. GRANT got employment as a clerk in the Governor's office at Springfield, and RAWLINGS stuck to the law. GRANT was soon made a Colonel, and subsequently a Brigadier-General. His first act was to get a commission as Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General for RAWLINGS, and on Sept. 15, 1861, the latter reported for duty on GRANT's staff. He has never left it until yesterday, when he was confirmed Secretary of War.

He has served with GRANT in all his campaigns, from Belmont to the Appomattox, and has been his constant and trusted adviser in every plan and negotiation. He was present at all the great surrenders, from Donelson to the *finale* in Virginia, and, with GRANT, framed the important documents which recorded those achievements. He has been advanced in the army with GRANT, and rose to the highest rank in his grade; as in the case of General GRANT, a new office was created for him, and he was made Chief-of-Staff of the Armies, with the rank of Brigadier-General and brevet of Major-General. No officer, among those who at the close of the war were so rapidly promoted, has reflected greater credit upon his rank and upon the army itself, than this quiet, taciturn and agreeable gentleman and untiringly industrious, clear-headed and practical officer. It will be the misfortune of the army if his appointment to the Secretaryship of War necessitates the resignation of his military office.

General RAWLINGS has not been in good health for many months past—not, indeed, since the close of the war, and lately had to make a trip for his health to the northern climates. He returned in somewhat improved condition about the middle of February, and it is hoped that he will be able to attend to the duties of his office without further danger to his health.

Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State.

Mr. FISH, who has been selected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. WASHBURNE, is a native of this City, his family long having held a position of wealth and prominence. He was born in 1809, and in his youth was surrounded by all the advantages which wealth can command. He was educated at Columbia College, and having graduated, commenced the study of law, and in 1830 was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State. Though eminently fitted by education and natural abilities for the successful prosecution of the legal profession, he was restrained from accepting a large practice by the cares which a large inheritance devolved upon him. Called upon to superintend a large fortune for the benefit of himself and others, he was withdrawn so much from his chosen career that he was at length forced to relinquish it altogether. He early manifested a deep solicitude in political affairs, although not a prominent partisan. In 1834 he was nominated for the Assembly by the Whig Party, but with the party suffered defeat. Nominations of different kinds were subsequently tendered him by his party, but he persistently declined them. In 1843 he was elected to Congress from the Sixth District, his personal popularity contributing materially to the success of the ticket. As a member of Congress Mr. FISH was not distinguished in debate, but his integrity, and his promptness and persistency in urging the adoption of measures for the benefit of his constituents, won for him universal commendation. While in Washington he was particularly noted for his hospitality, and his private parlors were at all times open and thronged with the foremost statesmen of the land. In 1847 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor of the State, and at the close of his term of office was chosen Governor. His administration was singularly free from partisan quarrels, and was maintained with firmness and dignity. His messages indicated the possession by the author of high literary abilities, and were commended by all parties. During his administration the slavery question was being agitated in Congress and throughout the country. Mr. FISH was early committed in favor of the Wilmot Proviso, and did not fail to urge his views upon the people of the State. He was subsequently elected to the United States Senate, where he served from 1851 to 1857 with marked ability.

At the expiration of the term for which he was elected, Mr. FISH retired to private life, and has mingled comparatively little in political strife since that time. During the war, Mr. FISH, as a prominent private citizen, was conspicuous for the support he gave the Government, and was at all times to be found first among our wealthy and prominent citizens in devising means to secure the speedy suppression of the rebellion. He gave largely of his means to secure this end, and responded liberally to the calls made upon all patriotic citizens to provide for our sick and wounded soldiers. In 1862 he was notified by telegraph that President LINCOLN had appointed him and Bishop AMES Commissioners to go within the Confederate lines and look after the comfort of our prisoners, and to establish a basis of exchange. He replied forthwith by telegraph, accepting the responsible position, and as the earliest moment entered upon its duties. Although the Commissioners were refused admission inside the rebel lines, they nevertheless arranged a cartel of exchange, which was observed for some time, and which secured the release of hundreds of brave men from rebel dungeons.

During the past few years Mr. FISH has been a warm friend and ardent admirer of General GRANT, and aided to the extent of his ability in securing his election. The cares of a large estate have prevented Mr. FISH taking an active part in national politics, but he is known to entertain very decided opinions on all points of public interest, and that his opinions are generally in accord with those of President GRANT.

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SAILORS' BOARDING-HOUSES.

Meeting of the Householders' Association at Botanic Hall.

Yesterday afternoon a special meeting of the Sailors' Boarding-house Keepers' Benevolent Association was held at Botanic Hall, East Broadway, for the purpose of protesting against an article which appeared in the TIMES of the 3d of March, in reference to the character of their houses.

Mr. HEPBURN was called to the chair. There were about eighty members of the Association present.

The Chairman said: In the [illegible] I mentioned the object of this meeting. It is called for the purpose of contradicting the outrageous article which appeared in the TIMES. In this article every man who keeps a sailors' boarding-house is identified as the keeper of "a place of prostitution, and his wife as a harlot. We want to contradict this. We want to prove the public at large that we are not of that class of persons. This article does not make any answer; but such as did down as among that class. Now, as there are a number of reporters among us, and among them, as I understand, a representative of the TIMES, I would wish to state a few particulars in regard to the manner of sailors' boarding-houses. With the exception of two or three at the utmost, they are men who have followed the sea in their early life—some for a longer, others for a shorter time. I, myself, (to use, for instance, yourself,) did so. I think when I tell my story that it will agree pretty well with the experience of most of those who belong to our Association. I was left to sea as I have said, in early life. Then, I became married and had a family. Then, I became concerned for me to look out for something to do on shore. I was a shipping master. Other for the men. What was I to do! What are all those men to do! They have not had the benefit of education; I am sure I often feel the want of education badly enough, and wish every man that I had it; and I guess many who are here feel the same way. The only chance that offered itself for me was to take a sailors' boarding-house, which I did, having saved a little money. That is the way we got into the business; and I think we know better how to deal with sailors than most persons. We have followed the sea ourselves, and know what it is to be with the men when they come ashore. There was a meeting here of the Seamen's Association the other day, in regard to the raising of the sailors' wages. But here was this that the men were benefited by it; it was because the boarding-house keepers, feeling that everything was so dull in the shipping business, had agreed to lower their charges to the seaman and ship the men for what they could get. The result is, was that these merchant philanthropists, as they call themselves, reduced the wages of the sailor to $15 a month. They could pay them more than $15, if they could help it. Well, then, we held a meeting and raised it up to $20; and then they had to pay that money, because we had determined not to let our men go for less. The wages of seamen are not exorbitant at all; for a dollar a day all that is asked, and if a man is not worth that on a ship he is worth nothing. So the merchants had to pay it; and I say it is in the boarding-house keepers that give raised the sailors' wages. We are always the friends and the true friends of the sailor. Take the case of a ship arriving here with emigrants. The men are not only penniless, but in a most miserable condition, and in most filthy condition. Will those gentlemen who write the articles in the newspapers take them home to their houses, and feed them, and feed them? I guess not. Where are they to go? They would have to go to the Station-house, if they had not the boarding-houses to go to. We take them home and give them clothes, money for a bath, for he cannot receive them into his house in that condition. We then give them clothes; we have to give them food; we have to give them lodging and money. Well, we must get money for these things, and how! It is by shipping them. That is our only chance. Those men remain around two, four, six weeks, sometimes longer; we have to keep them all that time, for they are penniless. Last week I shipped a man who had been in my house four months, and all I got when I shipped him was $8. Did that pay me? I guess not. But who was going to pay me? Yet I am put down as one of the landsharks. But that is the way these things happen, as is the experience of all present. Sometimes I get paid; all my charges, of course, for if I did not I should soon have to shut up my house. However, you all know that the business is not a pleasant one; and I, for my part, for myself that if I could get another business I would leave it. (The speaker here read extracts from the article in question.) Now, I don't believe that there are more than two or three in the city of this business who have bars for the sale of liquor in their houses. And in saying that women of loose character are kept in the houses of any of the members of this Association, you know it is false and malicious. No persons who belong to our Society but honest, moral men; a committee of investigation seeks into the character of all who apply for admission. As to the licenses, a test case was tried before the courts, and it was decided that we were not compelled to keep a license. I say that the whole of the charges contained in this article are false.

Inquiries having been made by some of the members as to what had been done in reference to the subject at a former meeting, it was stated that a committee had been appointed to wait on the editor of the TIMES and induce him to contradict the article.

Messrs. BURNS, MAHER and KENNEDY, the Committee in question, reported that they had not succeeded in inducing the editor to contradict the article. They had taken legal advice upon the matter, and were informed that no action for slander or libel against a corporation could be entered. If anybody said that the corporation of the City of New-York was a set of thieves, the corporation, as a body, had no redresses. But if they said any member was a thief, he could sue the party for slander.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE LINCOLN MONUMENT.

The Design—Bronze Statue of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

At a meeting of the prominent members of Plymouth Church, held at the residence of Mr. C. R. CAMP, No. 96 Columbia-street, Brooklyn, on Wednesday evening, Mr. JOHN T. HOWARD in the chair, the subject of raising the sum of $6,000 to pay for the colossal bronze statue of Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER, one of the thirty-six figures which is to adorn the National Lincoln Monument at Washington, was fully considered.

Mr. HOWARD stated the object of the meeting, and called upon Mr. WM. H. CORKHILL, the general agent of the Monument Association, to explain the matter more fully.

Mr. CORKHILL gave the following brief description of the design of the whole work: It is to be erected on the grounds of the Government to the east of the Capitol, and will be of a triangular shape, seventy feet in height, the top figure being that of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, in a sitting posture, in the act of signing the Emancipation Proclamation, the height of the sitting figure being eleven feet. The pedestal will be of Quincy granite, and the figures bronze, manufactured from rebel cannon, presented by the Government to the Association. From the base of the monument to the top will be four distinct ledges, each containing groups of colossal statues. The first group near the base of the monument will be six equestrian statues of General Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, Washington and Lafayette. On the next ledge are three groups representing Slavery—the first, the slave in his lowest state after his importation; the second, while in a state of slavery; and the third, in the person of Fred Douglass, representing the negro at the high side of civilization and intellectual manhood. On the next ledge are three groups, representing the members of the Cabinet, clergymen and others, who were prominent in the support of the Government during the war. Among those of the Cabinet members already selected are CHASE, STANTON and SEWARD; HENRY WARD BEECHER and Bishop SIMPSON will represent the loyal clergy, and DR. BELLOWS, JAMES E. TEAZMAN and GEO. H. STUART will represent the Sanitary and Christian Commissions. The next ledge will be adorned with figures of Liberty, Justice and Time. In the centre of the monument will be three bas-reliefs representing scenes in the history of the war.

Mr. CORKHILL said the cost of the entire monument, outside of the bronze contributed by the Government, would be over $100,000, and it had been designed by the friends of each person whose statue was to adorn the monument, to raise the money to pay the cost of its construction. The price had been fixed at $6,000 each, for the pedestrian, and $10,000 each for the equestrian figures. The friends of most of the subjects had already pledged the necessary amounts, and there was no doubt that the matter would be brought to a successful termination. All the figures were to be designed by CLARK MILLS and his two pupils. To cost all the figures will take 700 tons of bronze.

Mr. E. A. STUDWELL moved the adoption of the following resolutions, which, after a brief conversation, were adopted:

Whereas, The National Lincoln Monument Association at Washington, D. C., having passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That a colossal statue of Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER be and hereby is adopted as one of the figures of the representative men to be placed in the National Lincoln Monument to be erected by this Association;" therefore

Resolved, First, that in designating our townsman to represent loyal, religious people, the Association had not only honored this city, but themselves, in selecting for such a position Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER. Second, that this assignment will gladden the hearts of every true American, and especially the immediate neighbors and friends of Rev. Mr. BEECHER, do give to the enterprise our hearty approval, and will solicitously cooperate with the Association in commemorating his valuable services to the cause of liberty and humanity, by securing prompt contributions to the Beecher Statue Fund.

On motion of Mr. C. R. CAMP the following-named gentlemen were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions:

Messrs. M. K. Moodie, George A. Bell, Lorin Palmer, Nathan Southwick, Thomas H. Bird, O. R. Coombs, J. F. Conklin, M. D., S. M. Griswold, T. G. Sherman, A. D. Wheelock, J. T. Howard, E. S. Weld, S. D. Benedict, J. E. Murray, J. E. Caldwell, E. E. Bowen, H. C. King, C. L. Allen, Dr. George I. Bennet, A. Fitzgerald, J. A. Fowle, H. E. Morrell, M. D., M. C. Ogden and Mr. E. A. Studwell.

On motion of Mr. HORACE B. CHARLES, Mr. C. R. CAMP was appointed Treasurer.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Union Pacific Railroad.

The extraordinary occurrences of Wednesday at the stockholders' meeting for the election of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company excited a continuance of interest on the street yesterday. Rumors of various kinds were afloat concerning the facts and the probable result of the case, and many curious and anxious questioners called at the Company's office, No. 20 Nassau-street, to gather information. With the exception of an unusual number of distinguished capitalists and others, who were in attendance as stockholders, there was no remarkable excitement visible in the office, and the ordinary daily routine of business only was observable. At 1 o'clock an adjourned meeting was held, at which nothing of importance transpired, except another adjournment, to meet at Washington, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Messrs. AMES and DILLON, the directors who were reported to have been arrested on Wednesday, appeared before Judge BARNARD yesterday, and were dismissed on their parole, to appear when required by the Court.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS FOR FRIDAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Part I.—Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Short Causes.

Nos. 1—Bogert vs. Canfield.
2—Bankers' Book & Paper Co. vs. Smith et al.
3—Gale et al. vs. Baker.
4—Gray vs. Wetherpoon.
5—Kroll vs. Schoenberg et al.
6—Ryan vs. Le Baron.
7—Hill vs. White.
8—Jerome vs. Smith.
9—Glen vs. Weldon et al.
10—Donnelly et al. vs. Tuttle.
11—Same vs. Same.
12—Weaver vs. Schuyler.
13—Goldsmith vs. Daly et al.
14—Hayward vs. Mosman.
15—Hubbert vs. Schaffhausen.
16—Ludlow et al. vs. Dole.
17—Fowler vs. Winters et al.

Part II.—Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Case on—no calendar.

Part III.—Held by Gardon, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Nos. 1256—Emberson vs. Wicks.
1614—Brayton et al. vs. Roberts.
1260—Great Western Ins. Co. vs. Koop et al.
1262—Mihalcski vs. Fuss et al.
1272—Strauss vs. Millmann.
1320—Bartlett vs. Levi.
1216—Devlin vs. Bristol.
1240—Diehl vs. Salisbury et al.
1216—Cook et al. vs. Castlikins et al.
1018—Davis et al., ex., &c., vs. Moring.
1050—Osgood et al., Rec'r, &c., vs. Hopkins et al.
1544—Codling vs. Rosenthal.
1555—Gere vs. Dusenbury.
1736—Brown vs. Wahr.
1616—Duykinck, Admin'r, &c., vs. Merriam et al.
1264—Cohen vs. Stapenhorst et al.
1284—Porter vs. Geer.
1416—Miller vs. Hutchins.
1462—Seaman vs. Lord, Impld, &c.
1682—Silbrecht et al. vs. Monash et al.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Clerke, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M. Demurrers.

No. 13—Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank of Philadelphia vs. Hicks et al.

Issues of Law and Fact.

Nos. 1—De Leyer, assignee, vs. Fike et al.
172—Henry, Ex'r, vs. Peoples.
187—Fielder vs. Young.
186—Thompson vs. Thompson.
188—Martin, Trustee, &c., vs. Brunswick Central R. R. Co.
190—Union Oil Co. vs. Lewis.
191—Walker vs. Decker.
192—Norton vs. Stanton & Drew.
193—Wittgenstein vs. Mayguire et al.
194—Staten Island R.R.Co. vs. Village Edgewater, &c.
195—Gillman vs. McClellan et al.
196—Brannan vs. Salisbury.
197—Government Pat. Ass. vs. Ogden.
198—Mercorio et al. vs. Sifelet et al.
199—Hubbell vs. Van Schoonhoven et al.
200—Mease et al. vs. Givan et al.
201—Wittgenstein vs. Maguire.
202—Melville vs. Sanderson et al.
203—Roosevelt et al. vs. Roosevelt, Trustee.
204—Schlick vs. Weiner.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Barbour, C. J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos. 321—Branch vs. Lynes.
321—Lampson vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
426—Schleicstein vs. Steinhard.
701—Flynn vs. Miner et al.
702—Marsh et al. vs. Marshall Pat. Mica Roofing Co.
800½—Chapman vs. Thompson.
766—Crawford vs. Welsh, Sr.
769—Gray vs. Heller.
770—McGrath vs. Bell.
772—Prentice vs. Richards.
773—Thomas vs. Finckney.
774—Magee vs. Clary.
777—Phillips vs. Kimball.
778—Olsen vs. Russell et al.
779—Cunningham et al. vs. Schespel et al.

Short Causes.

Nos. 1426—Pepper vs. Peck et al.
1108—Smith vs. Harrington.
1261—Ward vs. Ward.
1261—Woodward vs. Scott et al.
1046—Harris vs. Burke et al.

Part II.—Held by Fithian, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos. 726—Ralfe vs. Atkinson et al.
254—Birdsall vs. Dorman et al.
725—Armour vs. Haight et al.
628—Hallinger, Adm'r, vs. Gonzales.
612—Mandeville vs. Billingham.
612—Stone et al. vs. Lamson et al.
629—Hunter vs. Macdonald.
629—Munroe vs. Hodges.
624—Schoonmaker vs. Street et al.
726—Enoch, Assignee, &c., vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
726—Gleb vs. Schlosser.
820—Mason vs. Bergeman.
820—Same vs. Same.
820—Hoose vs. Miller.
820—Same vs. Same.
1424—Palmer vs. The Cong. Ins. Co. U. S.
1426—Pepper vs. The Cong. Ins. Co. U. S.
1679—Moe vs. Thompson.
1420—Michaison et al. vs. R. Tens. Co., et al.
1420—Stern vs. Bachmann.
1420—Same vs. Same.
1420—Pepper vs. Peck et al.
1426—Smith vs. Harrington.
1426—Myers vs. Wheeler.
1426—Woodward vs. Scott et al.
1046—Harrison vs. Burke et al.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Adjourned to Monday.

Part II.—Held by Daly, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos. 252—Lionet et al. vs. Dinsmore, &c.
252—O'Brien vs. Sweet's Fuel and Life Ins. Co.
220—Oranoell vs. The Mayor, &c.
220—Smith vs. The Mayor, &c.
222—Gillies vs. Lent.
254—Oppenheimer vs. Trask.
220—Mayne vs. Lippman.
252—Davis vs. Duryea.
252—Abell vs. N. Y. Ice Co.
271—Sherwood vs. McGregor.
272—Birdsall vs. Chicago & Rock Is. R. R. Co.
272—Holland vs. Stoughton.
272—Quinn vs. McGuire.
272—Wright vs. Wicker.
272—Hilliard vs. Hinsdale R. R. Co.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Calendar called by Curtis, J., at 10 A. M.

Nos. —Karstens vs. Stengel.
—O'Connor vs. Bennett.
1264—Gilleon vs. Kincaid.
1045—Bergan vs. Smith.
1712—Bogert vs. Bussell.
1464—Kuhnen vs. Cassidy.
1621—Green vs. Maddy.
1288—Kerr vs. Dibble.
1288—Bennett vs. Dimmock.
1288—Kahn vs. Watts.
1288—Gale vs. Leder.
1288—Hewitt vs. Kelly.
2042—Baker vs. Mates.
2036—Mecklenburger vs. Fuchs.
2050—Hinman vs. Hyatt.
2037—Foster vs. Winberg.
2037—Reif vs. Talbot.
2037—Ross vs. Mosse.
2036—Same vs. Same.
2036—Hoole vs. Allcock.
2036—Same vs. Same.
2036—Cash vs. Whitworth.
2036—Mallon vs. Brandes.
2036—Hillman vs. Bruce.
2036—Hopkins vs. Same.
2037—Raffensperger vs. Roby.
2036—Phillips vs. Pullen.
2036—Newton vs. Wagner.
2070—Jacobs vs. Anderson.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett, Jr., City Judge.

Nos. 1—The People vs. Matilda Muller, homicide.
2—The People vs. Thomas O'Donnel, rape.
3—The People vs. Robert Read, rape.
4—The People vs. Jas. Bailey, robbery.
5—The People vs. John Hudner, robbery.
6—The People vs. Michael Carroll, burglary.
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SUPERIOR COURT—CHAMBERS.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Blatchford.

In the Matter of Henry H. Watts, Bankrupt.—This bankrupt applied for leave to amend his schedules. The application was opposed by the creditors. The Register, doubting his power to allow the amendment, certified the question to the Court for his decision.

BLATCHFORD, J.—Under section 26 and General Order No. 7, the Register has power, under General Order No. 6, to allow a petitioner in bankruptcy to amend his schedules on complying with General Order No. 26. The application is for a private act, of which no notice is necessary. No creditor has a right to oppose any such application, and therefore no issue of fact or of law within section 4 can be joined or completed in regard to it to be decided by the Judge. If a bankrupt improperly refuses an application to amend, the bankrupt can, under section 4, take the opinion of the Judge on a certificate of the Register on the question. In this case the allowance of the amendment will not affect or prejudice the right of the creditor to prove his claim against the bankrupt for the having omitted the matter in question from his original schedule. The matter of the bankrupt's right to discharge, and the manner consistent the creditor on the point, as to creditors is no party to the proceeding so as to be entitled to the order from creditor Minkel, of any kind of opinion by the Register, or of any order. Still, if he were to a proper one he allowing the amendment in question, the creditor would be entitled to allow it in no prejudice to the right of the creditor to oppose the discharge upon the ground of the omission of the matter from the original schedule.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Betts.

COMPLAINT AGAINST BERNARD HESS.

Bernard Hess, the revenue officer, who is the complainant in the Speed and Lieutenant-Governor Dodge case, was arrested yesterday, under warrant from Commissioner BETTS. [illegible] made on the affidavit of John Berlinghoff, who alleges that in August of last Hess demanded $1,000 of the factory, [illegible] Hess was at [illegible] Tuesday, when the case will come on.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The petition in the case of Lathrop, Ludington & Co. to have the dry goods jobbing firm which failed in December last declared bankrupt was filed to-day in the Bankrupt Court.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.

Before Judge Barnard.

DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY.

Daniel Bradley vs. The Mayor, &c.—The plaintiff in this action was driving his cutting through Greenwich-street in November, 1868, in the night time. Owing to a hole in the pavement, his horses and carriage were injured. It was claimed that the defect in the pavement had been known to the City authorities for eight or ten days. Verdict for the plaintiff for the sum of $[illegible].

Part II.—Before Judge Barnard.

WHEN THE CITY IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES.

Robert P. Wood vs. The Mayor.—In this case the plaintiff sought to recover damages by reason of his horse and cart having fallen into an excavation in Eighteenth-street, near Third-avenue, on the 8th of October, 1868, in the daytime. The Court, on motion, dismissed the complaint, on the ground that no notice of the defect in the pavement had been given to the proper authorities.

For the plaintiff, Mr. Schmerhorn; for the City, Mr. John E. Hackett and Mr. H. J. Forker.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.—MARCH 11.

Before Judge Barnard and a Jury.

THE NITRO-GLYCERINE CASE—NO VERDICT.

Wells, Fargo & Co. vs. Otto Burstenbinder et al.—This case, the particulars of which were fully reported in the TIMES of Thursday, was submitted to the jury by Judge BARNARD in a charge, of which the following is the substance. He said:

The action could only be maintained on the ground that defendant was negligent in packing the oil, or in not notifying the carrier of its explosive character. Negligence means more than a mere mistake or an ordinary care and prudence would exercise. In applying these principles to a case where negligence is imputed in the packing of a new article of commerce, the explosive nature of which was not generally known, the question was not to be determined either by that measure of prudence which a scientific man might be led to adopt from a consideration of the dangerous nature of the article, nor by that measure of that prudence which a person wholly unacquainted with the nature of the article might adopt; but rather by a mixture of the two, that is, that prudence which those who dealt in the article would accustomed to adopt. If the evidence showed that there was a general mode adopted among dealers in this article for packing it, and that defendant followed it according to that mode, then he was not liable, although some few, either from extreme caution or a more intimate knowledge of the character of the article, might have adopted a safer mode. If, of course, the jury, if the defendant himself possessed this more intimate knowledge, and also knew that a safer mode of packing had been adopted by another, he would have been guilty of negligence in not adopting it. It also followed that if there was no general mode of packing in use, and that the defendant had no knowledge of the character of the article, he would be liable if, in the opinion of the jury, he could only be held to the exercise of that care which a person of ordinary prudence would exercise in packing an article not generally known to be of an explosive character. The Court, however, would decline to act giving notice depended upon the same principles. 1. Whether it was the custom of the trade to give notice. 2. Whether the defendant knew the explosive character of the article. If the jury in consequence thereof he entitled to give notice of its character. 3. Whether a prudent man not versed in the subject would, on the ordinary question of the article not being generally known, would deem it necessary to give such notice. If any one of these questions were answered in the affirmative, then the verdict must be for the plaintiff; if all were in the negative, then the defendant should succeed.

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Advertisers in the TIMES are requested to bring in their notices as early an hour in the day as possible. If received after 3½ o'clock, it will be impossible to classify them under their proper heads.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

In the House of Commons last evening the Secretary of War made a statement showing that a reduction of $1,000,000 had been made in the army estimates. He said the colonial military establishments were to be reduced. A subscription is being raised in Dublin for the benefit of the discharged Fenian convicts.

CUBA.

The Captain of a Spanish vessel which arrived at Havana yesterday reports passing a fleet of five steamers bound for the Cuban coast. This fleet is supposed to contain a small army of American filibusters, who, with arms and ammunition, are to join the insurgents. The Spanish war vessel which was detailed to watch the Peruvian monitors also arrived at Havana, and reports those vessels beyond the Cuban coast, and, probably, at St. Thomas. The political prisoners are to be sent to the Island of Fernando Po, on Sunday next. Among them are some Cuban gentlemen of great wealth and position.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a large number of bills were reported back from Committees for future action. A resolution requesting the President to inform the Senate whether Venezuela had paid the first instalment of claims awarded American citizens was adopted. The bill to amend the public credit was then taken up and discussed by Messrs. SUMNER, SHERMAN, CALL, WILLIAMS, and others. The debate was interrupted by the appearance of General PORTER with a message from the President, whereupon the Senate went into executive session. But a short time elapsed before the doors were again opened and the debate on the public credit bill resumed. An amendment offered by Mr. SUMNER to strike out the second section was agreed to. Several other amendments were offered and discussed, but without disposing of the bill the Senate at 4 o'clock adjourned till Monday next.

The House was not in session yesterday.

GENERAL.

The steamboats *Sass* and *Fanita* came in collision yesterday near Fort Delaware, and the former immediately sank in deep water. Her passengers and crew were all saved, some of them being rescued from the water. Several persons were slightly scalded, but none fatally. It was quite foggy at the time of the accident. The *Sass* was plying between Philadelphia and Salem, N. J., and the *Fanita* was *en route* to Philadelphia from New-York.

The Pennsylvania Senate yesterday ratified the Constitutional Amendment; yeas 19, nays 15.

San Francisco is in a fever of excitement at present over the gold discoveries at the white Pine mines. Fifty-six companies have been organized in that city since the 1st of March to work leads in the White Pine region.

The Select Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature is unanimous in favor of the repeal of the law of that State which makes imprisonment for life the highest penalty for murder. The majority report of the Committee declares that murder in the first degree should be punished with death.

A Texas paper of Feb. 27 mentions the crossing into Mexico of Colonel QUIROGA, who had been under the surveillance of the United States military authorities, but had evaded their vigilance. QUIROGA was one of the ablest of the Imperial officers, and was specially marked out for execution after his capture at Mexico, but escaped with MAXIMILIAN.

Yesterday morning the house occupied by GABRIEL KIDD and his family, in Philadelphia, fell down, burying the whole family in the ruins. Mrs. KIDD, her son and daughter were instantly killed, and Mr. KIDD was severely injured.

The schooner *Mel*, which left New-Orleans a few days since, was stopped at the mouth of the river by a telegram from the Custom-House officials, upon suspicion of having on board arms and ammunition for the revolutionary party in Cuba. The *Mel* cleared for Kingston, Jamaica, with a cargo of lumber.

The Constitutional Amendment was adopted by the Lower House of the Georgia Legislature by yeas 74, nays 40.

An extensive fire occurred in Troy, yesterday morning, which destroyed property of the value of $[illegible]. The insurance companies which are the chief losers are the Liverpool and London, Manhattan, Lorillard, Phœnix, Home, Germania, Atlantic, Putnam and Fulton.

On Wednesday, a gentleman in Boston, who had ordered a musical catalogue from New-York, received it in an unsealed envelope, and along with it two drop letters, with the Post Office stamp in New-York upon them, and addressed to two ladies in that City. The letters were sent back; but how came they in the envelope?

Ex-President JOHNSON arrived in Baltimore yesterday morning, and was received by Governor BOWIE and other State officials and escorted through the streets by a civic and military procession. He afterward held a reception at the Exchange, and was greeted by thousands of citizens.

The Valentine will case of Fall River, involving $2,000,000 of property, has been decided by the Supreme Court, which decrees the distribution thereof as fast as the heirs become of age. The heirs are four in number, and but one is yet entitled to his share under this decision.

Two men named SIMMONS, who were supposed to be horse thieves, were hung in Butler, Mo., last week by a gang of disguised men. It is a matter of doubt whether the executioners were members of a vigilance committee or of the gang to which the murdered men belonged, who were afraid they were about to turn State's evidence.

The Maine House of Representatives have refused, by a vote of 95 to 45, to abolish capital punishment.

It is stated in the *Ledger*, the organ of the Society of Friends in Philadelphia, that President GRANT has applied to that body for lists of names of persons suitable for Indian Agents, of men who will truly represent a paternal and beneficent Government.

The annual dinner of the Alumni of Williams College, Massachusetts, took place at the Astor House last evening, Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD in the chair, and about 150 gentlemen present. Speeches were delivered by the President, WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT; President HOPKINS, of Williams; Professor CARTER, Judge BREWSTER and others, and the entire entertainment was extremely agreeable.

We are indebted to Mr. EDWIN D. MCCRACKEN, passenger per brig *James Crow*, for late files of Jamaica papers.

A submarine light, the invention of Mrs. DEVOE, was exhibited at the residence of Professor DORBUS last evening.

Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS lectured before the Historical Society last evening on "The Treatment of Intruders and Dissentients by the Founders of Massachusetts."

An inquest held yesterday over the remains of HENRY M. SEBELE, who shot himself dead at his boarding-house in Irving-place on Wednesday, resulted in a verdict of "death by suicide, while laboring under temporary insanity."

A barrel of alcohol exploded yesterday in the cellar of the Everett House by ignition from a lighted lamp, and the storekeeper was greatly burned. The flames set fire to the building, which sustained a damage of $5,000.

In the case of the colored woman Louisa M. Jacobs *vs.* The Atlantic Navigation Company, tried in Part II. Common Pleas, before Judge DALY, the jury failed to agree, and were discharged yesterday morning.

In the case of HENRY M. PIERCE, Jr., et al., Trustees of the *New Era*, *vs.* GEO. H. POOL, which has been on trial two days in the Court of Common Pleas, the defendant yesterday morning withdrew his defence and all suggestions of bad faith against the plaintiffs, whereupon the plaintiffs, having obtained the vindication for which the action was brought, consented to its discontinuance.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution appointing a Committee to receive the Fenian prisoners, WARREN and COSTELLO, on their arrival here; also, a resolution directing the public offices to be closed hereafter at 3 P. M.

The Board of Assistant Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution requesting the City Printers to pay their employes the same prices for general as for City work. Mr. FINCHNEY offered a resolution directing the Clerk of the Common Council to advertise for contracts for the public printing, and award the same to the lowest bidder. It was referred. The resolution to fix the 1st of March, 1869, as the time for opening Church-street, was concurred in.

Cotton was decidedly lower and quite dull yesterday. Flour was more freely offered and purchased at easier rates. Wheat closed more firmly on a fair business. Corn was lower and slow of sale. Oats and Lard quiet and weak in price. Pork was brisker and dearer. Groceries were inactive. The Wool auction was well attended, and resulted, as a whole, satisfactorily. The Dry Goods sales attracted a fair attendance, and fair prices were realized for desirable stock. Freights were dull.

The Cabinet Complete.

We may look upon the Cabinet as at last complete. The programme announced in the TIMES, alone of all the City papers, yesterday morning, was carried out during the day, and the names which it embraced were sent in to the Senate by the President and were promptly confirmed. The Cabinet now stands:

Secretary of State—HAMILTON FISH, New-York.

Secretary of Treasury—GEO. S. BOUTWELL, Massachusetts.

Secretary of Interior—JACOB D. COX, Ohio.

Secretary of Navy—A. E. BORIE, Pennsylvania.

Secretary of War—JOHN A. RAWLINGS.

Postmaster-General—J. A. J. CRESWELL, Maryland.

Attorney-General—E. R. HOAR, Massachusetts.

There may be a change in the name last mentioned, in order to prevent the appointment of two members from the State of Massachusetts.

The changes which have been made will strengthen the political element in the composition of the Cabinet, and will, in that respect at least, render it more satisfactory to the country. Mr. BOUTWELL lacks the practical business experience and habits which Mr. STEWART would have brought to the duties of the office, and the faith of the country in his ability to accomplish needful reforms in that department of the public service will be somewhat less. But he is a thoroughly honest and capable man, and will lend no more countenance or toleration to abuses which demoralize the administration of the Government, while they diminish the public revenue, than would Mr. STEWART himself. He is a politician of strong and earnest convictions, always maintained with frankness and courage, and will not, we imagine, ignore party considerations in the administration of the Treasury Department. Though not as open an opponent of the principle of Protection, as is Mr. STEWART, he is by no means so zealous a friend of that doctrine as many of its supporters desire.

Governor FISH will make an able, dignified, effective and popular Secretary of State, and will conduct our foreign relations without ostentation, but with firmness and practical good sense. His political experience, which has been extensive, will be of service to the Administration, to which his moderation of temper and avoidance of extremes, in action and in sentiment, will secure an additional recommendation. The change in the War Department is rather in name than in principle or policy. General RAWLINGS is an officer of the army, and is also a man of marked intellectual ability, of great executive talent, and thoroughly familiar with the current of public affairs.

The Cabinet is stronger in many ways than it was at first; and its completion, so promptly effected in the midst of the rather remarkable difficulties it encountered at the outset, augurs well for the efficiency and success of the new Administration.

The Tenure-of-Office Law and the President.

From the World.

Here is the TIMES' reasoning with regard to the law of 1789 and Mr. STEWART: "The law in itself is a good one, and there is no good reason why it should not keep its place on the statute book. All that is wanted is that *Mr. Stewart* be exempted *from its operation.*" Now that Mr. STEWART is out of the way, why does not the TIMES apply precisely the same reasoning to the Tenure-of-Office act as it affects General GRANT: that the law is a good one which ought to keep its place on the statute book, *only General Grant should be exempted from its operation?*

Because the two cases are not in the least alike. The Tenure-of-Office law is not a good one,—and there are many very good reasons why it should not "keep its place on the statute book." It impairs the constitutional power, and destroys the just responsibility, of the Executive. It gives the Senate a degree of control over the execution of the laws which it was never designed to have. It puts a power which, to be worth anything, must be exercised with the vigor, decision and energy of a single will, into the hands of a large body, whose action must of necessity be slow, cannot possibly be based on accurate knowledge, and will inevitably be controlled by political and party influences quite incompatible with the ends it was intended to serve. Its direct effect is *to render removal from office impossible, as a remedy for inefficiency and incapacity,*—and gives the men who may at any time get possession of office, a tenure of office, wholly inconsistent with both theory and previous practice under our form of government.

For these as well as many other reasons, the Tenure-of-Office law is a bad law, and ought to be repealed. From the nature of its provisions it would be tolerable only under an extraordinary state of things,—such as existed when it was passed. It was enacted, not so much for the purpose of giving the Senate control over removals from office, as for the purpose of taking that control away from Mr. JOHNSON; and when for that object it was no longer needed, the law should have been repealed. It would have been much better if in the original law its operation and existence had been limited to the 4th of March, 1869; but as that was not done, the only thing left is to repeal it as speedily after that date as possible.

The Senate evidently does not intend to do anything of the sort. It treats the bill as one designed, not so much to define the tenure of *office* for others, as to extend and enlarge the tenure of *power* for itself. Mr. EDMUNDS speaks of the bill to repeal it as a proposition for the Senate to "divest itself of one of its great constitutional powers." Mr. HOWARD, like many other Senators, "does not feel willing to *surrender* this great, constitutional, conservative power of the Senate." And so the bill, to repeal the law, instead of being passed, was referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration, which probably means delay and defeat.

As a matter of historical fact, the power over removals from office has never been regarded as among the "constitutional powers of the Senate." The Constitution, in terms, requires the consent of the Senate to make valid the President's *appointments* to office, but it is silent in regard to his removals from office. Naturally, therefore, the matter has been, from the beginning of the Government, one of doubt and controversy. But never, until the enactment of the Tenure-of-Office law, two years ago, has either Congress, or the Supreme Court, or any other high authority, required the Senate's consent to the validity of the President's removals. The current of action, and the weight of opinion, have been uniformly the other way. It received its most elaborate discussion, in the first Congress, in 1789, and the result then reached has fixed the practice of the Government and commanded the assent of the country from that day to this. With the single exception of Mr. SMITH, of South Carolina, who contended that all administrative offices were held by the tenure of good behavior, it was universally conceded that there must exist somewhere in the Government a prompt and summary power of removing incompetent, unfit or mefficient officers, for causes short of official misbehavior in the legal sense. The Executive power is in terms vested in the President alone, except where qualified by some positive limitation. In the case of appointments to office, this power is thus expressly qualified by requiring the advice and consent of the Senate; but in regard to removals, inasmuch as there is no such qualification, the general executive power of the President is not subject to any such restriction. And the necessity of having it thus vested in him was shown by Mr. MADISON, who said:

"The general principle established by the Constitution is the unity and responsibility of the Executive power in the hands of the President. It is, moreover, expressly made his duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed. But how could such a duty be required at the hands of the Executive Magistrate, if the officer *when once appointed, is to depend for his official existence, not upon him but upon a distributed body?* I can hardly bring myself to imagine that the wisdom of the Convention who framed the Constitution contemplated such an incongruity."

These views of MADISON were seconded by the leading members of Congress and were reaffirmed in the House by the strong vote of 30 to 18, though the Senate, partly in consequence of the absence of members and partly from the natural desire of that body to share the Executive power, was more closely divided, and at first it was decided only by the casting vote of the Vice-President, that the power of removal belonged to the President alone.

But it is a great mistake to assume, as Senators EDMUNDS and HOWARD have done, that the power to control removals is among the "constitutional powers of the Senate." It has never been recognized as belonging to that body, nor has it ever been conferred upon it, except by the Tenure-of-Office act, passed in 1867, as a specific preventive of the anticipated abuse of the power by President JOHNSON.

As things stand now President GRANT is unable to make a single change in his own Cabinet which he has just appointed, or to remove a single subordinate officer in the whole country, without the advice and consent of the Senate. The first section of the law declares that the several heads of departments shall "hold their offices respectively *for and during the term of the President by whom they may have been appointed and for one month thereafter*, subject to removal by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;" and the second section forbids the removal of any officer, or even his suspension from office, unless the Senate shall consent thereto.

This is in no sense "a good law," nor is any public interest to be promoted by its continuance on the statute book. We admit that the tenure by which Government appointees now hold office is unsatisfactory. But the matter is not made better, but worse, by requiring the coöperation of the Senate to their removal. The Senate, from its numbers, its constitution and the influences by which it is sure to be controlled, is not fitted to control the power of removal from office. And the present condition of the public service renders it in the highest degree important that the President should be free to exercise that power in full accordance with his own judgment of what the public good requires.

The New Secretary of State.

The selection of HAMILTON FISH to be Secretary of State will give general satisfaction to the country, and be especially gratifying to those who know his peculiar fitness for the place. He has been Lieutenant-Governor and Governor of this State, and has been one of its Senators in the Congress of the United States for one term. He filled all these positions with ability, sound judgment and success. He is a gentleman of large wealth, of cultivated and refined tastes, and, though for the last few years retired from public life, is thoroughly familiar with the whole course of public events both at home and abroad. Though conservative by habit and conviction, he sympathizes fully with the liberal and progressive spirit of the day, and without being in the least rash or reckless in his political sentiments, he will coöperate heartily with the Administration in reëstablishing the prosperity of the country on the basis of equal and exact justice to all sections and to all citizens. He is a lawyer by profession, accustomed to deal with large questions of public and national interest, a man of extensive reading, and in every way admirably qualified for the delicate and difficult duties of the high position to which he has been invited.

As he has taken little active part in political affairs since his retirement from the Senate in 1857, he has not been conspicuously identified with any of the parties to the subsequent contests which have agitated the country. He was, of course, zealously and ardently enlisted in the support of the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and contributed, by every means in his power, to its vigorous and successful prosecution. When the war was over he was in favor of the measures which promised the most speedy restoration of peace and prosperity to all parts of the Union, though he did not become a partisan in support of either of the rival plans of restoration.

Governor FISH has a clear and solid judgment, habits of industry in the performance of duty, a thorough devotion to the honor and interests of the country, a calm and dispassionate temper and very attractive personal and social qualities, which commend him to the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. His administration of the Department of Foreign Relations will be wise, prudent and patriotic, conducive to the interests and acceptable to the sentiments of the whole country. We regard his appointment as eminently judicious and fortunate.

The Fullerton Trial.

The following letter, from the office of the Attorney-General, was received by District-Attorney COURTNEY yesterday:

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, March 9, 1869.

E. C. Courtney, Esq., U. S. Attorney, New-York:

SIR: I inclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the President by E. A. ROLLINS, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, relative to the case of WILLIAM FULLERTON, A. A. BELKNAP and others, pending in your District, which has been referred by the President to this office with the following indorsement:

"The recommendations of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue are approved, and will be carried into effect."

You will accordingly proceed with the trial of this cause at the earliest possible moment.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

J. HURLBUT ASHTON,
Acting Attorney-General.

The following is the inclosed note referred to above:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
WASHINGTON, March 8, 1869.

SIR: Some time since, the trial of the indictment found under the Revenue laws in New-York City against WILLIAM FULLERTON, A. A. BELKNAP and others, was suspended, as is understood, by direction of the President. The interests of the revenue service, in my judgment, require that the order for suspension should be revoked, and the trial allowed to proceed at the earliest possible moment; and I have, therefore, respectfully to request that you will direct the acting Attorney-General to give instructions accordingly.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
E. A. ROLLINS, Commissioner.

To the President.

We think the public generally will approve of this action of the authorities at Washington, as alike just to the public and to the parties concerned. How soon the trial can be had, under the instructions of the Attorney-General as given above, we are not aware. When it was arrested by the order of Attorney-General EVARTS and directed to be held over till the April term of the Court, it stood upon the calendar, where it had been put by Judge NELSON, for trial at the present term; but in consequence of the order of Mr. EVARTS the Judge before whom it was to be tried, as a matter of course removed it. Whether, now that this order has been revoked, and the trial ordered to proceed "at the earliest possible moment," it can and will be restored to its place on the calendar, and called for trial in due course, we cannot say. It seems to us that it would be highly satisfactory to the public if Justice NELSON could preside with the regular Judge, and try the case immediately,—so that the actual facts in the case, and the question of the validity of the very remarkable transaction could be fully and clearly determined by the highest judicial authority. We take it for granted, at all events, that there will be no unnecessary delay. And we also take it for granted that Mr. COURTNEY, who has had so severe a struggle to get the case tried at all, and who is so thoroughly familiar with all its aspects, will be allowed to conduct it to its close. That privilege, at least, he seems to have earned by his vigorous and successful efforts to prevent its dismissal.

The New Secretary of the Treasury and His Financial Views.

As the organizer of the Internal Revenue system and its first administrator, Mr. BOUTWELL's capacity for one branch of duty connected with his new office has been to some extent proved. With more recent discussions on financial topics he has not been prominently identified. He spoke at some length, however, in opposition to Mr. GARFIELD's Loan bill, in March, 1866, and in January of last year introduced a resolution relating to interest on bonds; and from these appearances it is not difficult to deduce his opinions on material points connected with our financial policy.

On the subject of contraction, he holds decided opinions. He opposed it in 1866, as a measure pregnant with disaster to trade and industry, and wholly unwarranted as a means toward resumption. He resisted the proposal to invest in the Secretary, power to push forward contraction beyond the point reached in 1866. "If," he said, "the Secretary of the Treasury should reduce the non-bearing interest circulation to the amount of a hundred millions, *three-fourths of the mining and manufacturing establishments in the northern portions of the country would be suspended.*" With this conviction, he deprecated the conferring of large discretionary authority upon the Treasury, maintaining that it would operate as a constant menace to business, the interests of which must necessarily suffer. The duty of Congress to define and limit the financial policy of the Administration, he urged as clear and urgent; and he contended that in the adoption of that course, more reliance should be placed upon the gradual effect of time and renewed prosperity, than upon the arbitrary measures of the Secretary. What the business of the country could bear, was the test by which he would try the merits of a policy; and he strenuously opposed whatever might operate adversely. He then preferred practical results to theories—defined to unlimited powers; and there is no reason to apprehend a change in his opinions.

The bill introduced by Mr. HOOPER (March 19, 1866,) received Mr. BOUTWELL's emphatic indorsement, one of its provisions being "*that the public debt shall not hereafter be increased* by authority of this or any previous acts of Congress." A similar provision is embodied in Mr. HOOPER's measure of last session, which the hostility of Senator SHERMAN for the time killed. We conclude, then, that the wholesome prohibition of any increase of the gold-bearing debt, which is hoped for as a means of strengthening the public credit, will receive the support of the new Secretary.

The nearest approach to any actual plan on the part of Mr. BOUTWELL is the resolution he offered (Jan. 27, 1868,) instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of providing by law as follows:

"For notice, by the Secretary of the Treasury, when the United States coin in the Treasury exceeds twenty millions that he will anticipate payment of the interest first falling due on bonds—such payment to be subject to a rebate of interest at the rate specified in the bonds. For a new loan of $500,000,000 at six per cent., the principal and interest payable in coin; the loan to be confined to citizens of the United States and not to be transferable or payable to any others, and the bonds to be liable to State and local taxation; the bonds to be payable, fifty millions on the 1st of January, and fifty millions on each succeeding 1st of January. For a new loan, $4,000,000,000 of four and a half per cent., principal and interest payable in coin, and which may be made payable either at Frankfort or London; the bonds to be payable, fifty millions on the 1st of January, 1900, and to be untaxable, either by the United States or any State or municipality; that the shareholders of five-twenty bonds may exchange their bonds for the bonds of either of these classes, and that the Secretary of the Treasury be prohibited from making sales of gold."

"*That the Secretary of the Treasury be prohibited from making sales of gold,*" is a proposition as pertinent at this moment as it was a year ago. The resolution, however, shows his reliance upon some funding process as a method of lessening the public burdens; his condemnation of contraction being a guarantee against the embarrassment and ruin which would attend the enactment of the Sherman scheme.

On all these points Mr. BOUTWELL's recorded views harmonize with the ideas suggested in the President's inaugural. In the division upon Mr. SCHENCK's bill, (Feb. 24,) as furnished to the newspapers, his name does not appear. But the whole tenor of his speeches indicates a scrupulous regard for the maintenance untarnished of the national faith, and his resolution of January, 1868, is more than a presumptive recognition of the principle affirmed by the late Congress. So far as it is proper to infer a policy from Mr. BOUTWELL's past course, we may assume that he will preserve inviolate the rights of the public creditor, without forgetting the care and consideration which are due to the interests of the country.

The New Secretary of War.

The change from General SCHOFIELD to General RAWLINGS as Chief of the War Bureau, might almost be pronounced a mere change in name; it is certainly a change of *persons*, rather than of principle or policy—the substitution of an "army man" for another, in the administration of a Department where nearly all army men think alike.

General RAWLINGS needs no more introduction to the country in order to inspire confidence than does General GRANT himself. He already enjoys that confidence; and considering his high character as a soldier and a man, his energy, ability, courage, industry, spotless integrity—all well known to the country for so many years—we may pronounce this to be a strong selection. General RAWLINGS came into public notice simultaneously with his illustrious superior; their names have been ever since inseparably linked, and his appearance in General GRANT's Cabinet is a fresh pledge of the harmony of action which bids fair to reign there. Our best word for General RAWLINGS is to say that he is thoroughly worthy of his seat in a body where the first qualification is character, and character of the highest stamp.

By education and instincts a civilian, yet absorbing from his rare military experience and his eight years' associations the traditional views of army affairs taught by long experience, General RAWLINGS will bring qualifications both of temperament and education to the War Bureau such as are not often to be secured. Though far removed from being a politician, he has yet a thorough knowledge of public affairs. Before the war a Douglas Democrat of the "straightest" type, he has since become a firm Republican. In his duties as soldier he has never forgotten his duties as patriot; his strong and sympathetic nature is happily guided by a well-balanced judgment. For the rest, his executive ability is too well known to require allusion; and his past record in the country's history is at once his best indorsement, and the best augury of his future.

Our Foreign Relations.

The President yesterday exchanged views with the representatives of foreign Powers, including the State of Georgia. Nothing very important, as indications of future events, was said on either side. The President assured the Ministers from foreign nations that no proper effort should be spared on his part to secure relations of peace and friendship with all of them,—and expressed his pleasure at their concurrence in such a purpose. This does not look like immediate war with England on account of the *Alabama* claims, or with France because her troops went to Mexico, or with Turkey because she holds on to Crete, or with the rest of the world to "keep our hand in." So far, so good.

The Representatives of Georgia were assured of his strong desire that "peace and order" should prevail throughout the South, and that all citizens should enjoy perfect freedom of opinion and of speech. The President also expressed his satisfaction that the Legislature of Georgia was in favor of settling the suffrage question by ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution, and by imposing upon the Yankees what the Yankees had imposed upon them,—negro suffrage. Without entering argumentatively into the merits of the question, the President seemed to think that this would be an easy, and not an unfair, mode of disposing of this vexed question.

Senator Hale's Report on Legislative Corruption.

In other columns we give place this morning to Senator HALE's report on the alleged corruptions at Albany in connection with the railroad legislation of last Winter. Our readers will observe that while the report brings to light the startling fact that the sum of $500,000 was surreptitiously withdrawn from the treasury of the Erie Railroad and expended, in sums varying from $2,000 to $100,000, for the purpose of influencing legislation, none of this money could be *traced* to the pockets of any member of either House. It would be pleasant, could we infer from this amiable report the stern incorruptibility of our Albany legislators; but the uncharitable public will be likely to take a different view of the matter.

Senator HALE's report closes with the recommendation of a change in the law respecting bribery, which we have repeatedly urged upon the Legislature. As the law now stands, the giver of a bribe is subject to punishment as well the member who accepts one. Senator HALE recommends that a change be made so that the giver of a bribe which is accepted shall be exempt from prosecution; and he very properly observes that "the guilt of the party who, by accepting a bribe, betrays a public trust and violates his official oath, is (if there can be any degrees in guilt of this kind) greater than that of him who gives it," and that "the Legislature owes it to its own reputation and dignity to adopt such measures as are best adapted to remove every obstacle that now exists to a full and thorough investigation as to the conduct of any of its members."

The Indignant Land-sharks and the Times Exposure.

The "land-sharks," who prey upon the sailors in our port, yesterday held an indignation meeting to protest against the exposure of their practices, lately published in the TIMES. Of course they represented themselves as the friends of the seamen, who went out of their way to welcome and clothe and feed them, and even to give them hot baths. They claim also to have originated the strike, by which the sailors lately obtained an advance in their wages. We admit that much, but we must add that as long as the boarding-masters led that strike it met with no sympathy from the public, received no hearing from the shipping merchants and was characterized by very riotous incidents. The sailors themselves repudiated them, as our columns will show, and the strike was as much for relief from the oppression of the "land-sharks" as for higher wages.

We have no doubt of the truth of all our reporter stated; the horrible picture which he presented was not, we are satisfied, overdrawn. Late official reports from our Consul at London, alluding to the foul practices of shipping and boarding masters in this port as well as in London, fully corroborate all we have published. One of the most liberal and extensive charities in this City is devoted to guarding, as far as possible, the seamen from these very men, and boarding-houses are maintained by it for the purpose of affording them good board and safety from robbery. Among the most important duties of foreign Consuls in our ports, and our Consuls in foreign ports, is the protection of seamen from the rapacity of these men. There is now in circulation in almost every port in the country a petition to Congress asking the adoption of a shipping act like that of England, having for its chief object the abolition of the power of these very men. It is one we have frequently urged on the attention of Congress, and one we do not doubt it will sooner or later adopt, in justice to a very unprotected class of industrious men, and in justice also to another very numerous set of idlers and criminals.

MINOR TOPICS.

President GRANT's nomination of the Ex-Confederate General LONGSTREET (one of LEE's most prominent officers throughout the war) as Surveyor of the Port of New-Orleans, is a significant step. At the close of hostilities, General LONGSTREET "accepted the situation," and accepted all the results of the war unreservedly. He supported the Reconstruction acts of Congress, the Civil Rights bill, the Fourteenth Amendment, the Republican policy and General GRANT. He was relieved of his disabilities by special act of Congress, and his nomination to office, if confirmed by the Senate, will mark a new point in the reconstruction of the Union.

The correspondence between Mr. WASHBURNE and President GRANT on the resignation of the former of the office of Secretary of State, is eminently honorable to both. Mr. WASHBURNE expresses, in warm terms, his grateful acknowledgements for the honor done him in the appointment, and General GRANT enhances that honor by a frank declaration of the reasons of personal gratitude and friendship which had led him to give it. Mr. WASHBURNE retires from the place because his health is not equal to the labors it demands.

The appointment of Mr. BOUTWELL to the Treasury was well received in financial circles yesterday. On all questions of finance, his record is sound; and it is an important fact that he enters on the administration of the most important department of the Government with the full confidence of both Houses of Congress.

Among other advantages of an International Copyright law, it would prevent such profitless and wasteful rivalries among publishers as we now witness over certain popular books. Three American publishing firms—one in this City, one in Boston, and one in Philadelphia—are at this time issuing separate editions of the works of CHARLES READE. Two firms are issuing DILKE's book; two firms are issuing Sir SAMUEL BAKER's last book; three firms are issuing TROLLOPE's last novel; and we notice many other books of which different editions are published by two or three different publishing houses. In all this, there is great waste, which would be prevented by a Copyright law.

The furious doings of Ex-Solicitor BINCKLEY in Washington yesterday constitute the latest sensation at the capital. The first reports were that he had beaten Ex-Commissioner ROLLINS almost to death; but it seems that Mr. ROLLINS escaped the assault of BINCKLEY, who then fell upon Deputy Commissioner HARLAND. BINCKLEY's rage at ROLLINS was caused by the letter of Mr. ROLLINS to the President demanding his dismissal from office. The Commissioner pronounced the Solicitor to be "either a willful perjurer or the tool of corrupt and malicious men," and said that his employment was "a farce." BINCKLEY must be looked up for this disgraceful assault,—though he escaped punishment for his attack on the District-Attorney at the Astor House, in this City, last year.

The land-shark who robbed a sailor of $30 a few days ago, was, yesterday, sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for twelve years and six months. Judge BEDFORD, in pronouncing sentence, said that the prisoner belonged to a class of land-sharks that lounge about the docks for the purpose of robbing sailors, and he proposed to make an example of him as a warning to all others engaged in like crimes. The land-sharks had better take warning. They have prayed on the sailors long enough.

In the Assembly at Albany yesterday, a report and testimony were submitted from the Select Committee appointed to investigate the charges of improper influence in reference to legislation regarding railroads last Winter. As a preventive of attempts on the virtue of the Legislature, the report recommended the adoption of the law against bribery and corruption recently drawn up by Mr. HALE. We have not much hope of the enactment of Mr. HALE's bill; but we are confident its passage would do a great deal toward stopping the corrupt practices which have heretofore disgraced the Legislature.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, once Vice-President of the United States, and afterward prominent among the Generals of the rebellion, has availed himself of JOHNSON's amnesty and returned to his home in Kentucky. His reception was cordial and somewhat demonstrative. His manner was quiet and unobtrusive, as that of one thoroughly chastened in spirit and subdued in temper by the disasters of the war of which he has had so large a personal experience. He comes home without personal ambition or aspirations, and without any more of the political excitement of his past years, as he says himself, than if he were "an extinct volcano." He says little of his plans for the future, except that he wishes nothing to do with politics, and intends to devote himself to the repair of his shattered fortune. He has always been popular in his own State, and will find a cordial welcome among his old personal friends. We trust he will adhere to his present purpose and eschew politics; his own wishes and those of the whole country will concur on *that* point.

Ten thousand dollars were appropriated by the last Congress to procure a survey of the site which has been decided to the United States for naval purposes on the Thames River, near New-London, Conn., and for the repair of the wharf at that point. In view of the improvements at Hell Gate, it will be necessary to add to our coast and harbor defences in Long Island Sound, and we are glad that a beginning is to be made at this important point. The Thames River possesses all the natural advantages required for a naval station. There is a mile of wharf frontage, a good anchorage ground, and a depth of five or six fathoms of water. Naval vessels might safely be laid up there in ordinary; and in this manner the Brooklyn Navy-yard would be relieved of much of the risk by fire to which it is now exposed in consequence of its crowded state.

It has puzzled shipowners very much to discover the reason why their vessels this season have been able to carry several hundred more bales of cotton than could be formerly stowed on board. It is now ascertained that the bales on coming from the plantations, run from four to five per cent. less in weight of cotton than they did last year, although the gross weight has been about the same as usual. The difference is accounted for by the heavier quality of the bagging and roping which are used in making up the bales. It is thought probable that this scheme of the planters, which yields them a profit of about fifty or sixty cents per bale—the difference between the price of the cotton and the material which envelopes it—will reduce the estimated aggregate weight of the crop at least 100,000 bales. This sharp practice is borrowed from some of the hay dealers who were wont to conceal a hickory log or a stone in each of their bundles.

TELEGRAMS.

Landing of an American Filibustering Expedition in Cuba.

Volunteer Organization at Matanzas.

Great Reduction in the English Military Estimates.

Loss of Life in Philadelphia by the Fall of a Building.

CUBA.

Landing of an American Filibustering Expedition—The Peruvian Monitors at St. Thomas.

HAVANA, Thursday, March 11.

It appears that an expedition from the United States, Nassau or Inagua, has landed on the Cuban coast. The Captain of a Spanish vessel, which arrived here to-day, reports that on Sunday last, while east of Punta-Mulas, he saw a fleet consisting of one side-wheel steamer, bark-rigged, and three other steamers, schooner-rigged, steering northeast. Shortly afterward he passed a side-wheel steamer, bark-rigged, which was anchored two miles from Guinche Keys. The report has been in circulation for some time past in Cuban circles that an expedition was under way to these shores, bringing cannon, arms, ammunition and recruits for the insurgents.

The Peruvian monitors and their convoys by this time have undoubtedly arrived at St. Thomas. The Spanish war steamer, which has been watching them, followed them until they had passed the Cuban coast, and returned to this harbor to-day.

A committee of the conservative citizens of Matanzas have been organizing bands of volunteers, who are sent out daily in all directions to scour the country. Other towns seem disposed to follow the example of Matanzas.

The news from the jurisdiction of Cienfuegos is favorable to the Government.

The Governor of Sagua la Grande, having received reinforcements from Villa Clara, has marched with all his available forces against the insurgents, who have, for some time past, made their headquarters on the San José plantation.

In the Eastern Department the Government troops are very active. Columns have left Santiago and Bayamo to attack the main force of the insurgents at Mayari.

In the Central Department the Government is strengthening the garrison. A battalion 250 strong has arrived at Colonia de St. Domingo.

The vessels which are to convey the political prisoners to Fernando Po will sail on Sunday next. They will be accompanied by the Spanish man-of-war Torgua. Among the prisoners to be transported are Señor CASTELLO, the Bank President; Señor EMBIL, a planter, and Señor RIGNELME, a merchant, all well-known men in high standing in the community.

The Government Censor has notified the Havana journals that they will hereafter be permitted to publish only the official accounts of engagements, giving as a reason that other statements tend to mislead the public mind.

The Sugar market is buoyant; sales have been made on a basis of 9@9½ reals ⅌ arroba for No. 12 Dutch Standard.

EXCHANGE—On London, 10½@11½ ⅌ cent. premium; on Paris, 19½ ⅌ cent. discount; on United States, 60 days' sight, in gold, par@1 ⅌ cent. discount; short sight, 1½@ cent. premium; 60 days' sight, in currency, 25½@24½ ⅌ cent. discount.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Great Reduction in the Army Estimates—Subscriptions for Fenian Convicts.

LONDON, Thursday, March 11.

In the House of Commons this evening, Mr. CARDWELL, Secretary of War, made a statement in regard to the army estimate, showing a reduction of £1,000,000 in the total amount as compared with last year. He said that the Government proposed to partially accomplish this saving by reducing the forces in the colonies, except at military stations.

DUBLIN, Thursday, March 11.

The Amnesty Committee, of this city, has started a subscription to raise funds for the benefit of the Fenian convicts who are discharged from imprisonment by the Government.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Coolie Trade Claimed to be Sanctioned by Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, March 11.

Advices from the Sandwich Islands to Feb. 20 have been received. Honolulu papers, in discussing the Coolie trade, say it is authorized by an act of the Legislature of June last.

The Board of Immigration had dispatched a vessel to the Polynesian Islands for a cargo of natives. The missionary authorities were prohibited from sending letters and papers by the vessel, which created a great deal of ill feeling. The movement failed to meet the approbation of the United States Minister, and it was expected that the Government of the United States would interfere and prevent the forced importation of natives of the neighboring islands.

The commercial news is unimportant.

The United States steamer Oneipee was at Honolulu.

The whaleship Elizabeth Swift, from New-Bedford, had arrived at Hilo.

Extensive Fire in Troy—Loss $75,000.

TROY, N. Y., Thursday, March 11.

This morning, at about 7 o'clock, a fire broke out in Cannon-place, in this city, destroying the two upper stories, and greatly damaging the remainder of the building. The occupants of the premises were MOORE & NIMS, booksellers; CLEGG & NESBIT, wholesale millinery goods; FLAGG & FREAR, dry goods; C. H. BILLINGS, lace goods; C. H. RESING, wholesale millinery goods, and A. W. SCRIBNER, job printer. The fire originated in SCRIBNER's engine room, which was on the fourth floor. The total loss is estimated at from $75,000 to $100,000 on the building and stock. The fire was extinguished at 10:30 A. M.

The loss on the building is $20,000, and is insured in the Hartford, Ætna, Howard and Phœnix Companies, of Hartford, for $6,000 each. MOORE & NIMS are insured for $28,000, loss $21,000; FLAGG & FREAR are insured for $28,000, loss $15,000; C. H. BILLINGS is insured for $10,000, all saved; SCRIBNER is insured for $11,000, loss $16,000; CLEGG & NESBIT are insured for $28,500, loss $15,000; C. RESING is insured for $19,000, loss $6,000; MONTAGUE is insured for $6,000, loss $5,000; W. ELSS is insured for $1,000, loss $1,500. The Companies which are the chief losers are the Liverpool and London, Manhattan, Lorillard, Phœnix, Home, Germania, Atlantic, Putnam and Fulton.

A Steamboat Sunk in the Red River—The Sugar Interest of Louisiana.

NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday March 11.

The steamboat Cuba No. 2 sunk in the Red River, between Jefferson and Shreveport, on the 9th inst., with 800 bales of cotton on board. The boat is a total loss. A portion of the cargo was saved. No lives were lost.

A meeting of the parties interested is called at the Chamber of Commerce for to-morrow night, to take the necessary steps to commence the sale of cotton for gold.

The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to which was submitted a memorial and petition to Congress, from the Philadelphia sugar refiners, asking an increase of duties on sugar, reported that the present condition of the sugar refining interest does not seem to require Congressional aid; that the sugar-planting interest of the South appears prosperous enough under the present tariff to render addition any unnecessary; that the general sentiment of the people is unfavorable to higher duties, therefore they cannot petition Congress for higher duties on any grade of sugar.

The report was in the form of a resolution.

EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

His Reception in Baltimore—The Procession—Festivities and Speeches in the Evening.

BALTIMORE, Md., Thursday, March 11.

Ex-President JOHNSON arrived in this city, as its guest, on a special train, at about 11 o'clock A. M. The Committee of Invitation, on the part of the Common Council, accompanied him from Washington, and the other members of the Council met him at Annapolis Junction. On arriving at Camden Station he was met by Governor BOWIE and other State officials, and Mayor RAMES and a number of city officers. The procession had already formed on Eutaw-street, and the line of march was soon taken up. A squadron of cavalry headed the procession, followed by the Fifth Regiment of the Maryland National Guard with full ranks. Following the regiment was an open carriage containing Ex-President JOHNSON, Governor BOWIE and Mayor RAMES. Next followed the Third Regiment Maryland National Guard Sonaves, and the carriages containing distinguished guests and city authorities. Among the former were Hon. GARRETT DAVIS, Senator from Kentucky; Mr. GOLLADAY, member of Congress from Kentucky; Mr. ELDRIDGE, member of Congress from Wisconsin; Mr. ARCHER, member of Congress from Maryland, and others. The Fire Department, with seven steamers and hook and ladder companies, in strong force, followed by the Police force. All along the line of march, through Eutaw, Monument, Eager, Aisquith, Baltimore and Gay streets to the Exchange, dense crowds filled the sidewalks, and the windows and balconies of the buildings were crowded with ladies. The welcome was cordial. The day has been bright and bracing. Mr. JOHNSON is now holding a reception at the Exchange, and thousands are calling on him.

The reception of Ex-President JOHNSON at the Exchange ended at 3 o'clock, when he was escorted to Barnum's Hotel.

During the afternoon the Fire Department made a fine display and trial of their engines in front of the hotel, on Monument-square.

Dinner was served at 5:30 o'clock. Mr. JOHNSON took his seat, with Mayor RAMES on his right and Governor BOWIE on his left.

About two hundred persons were seated, among whom were Ex-Secretary Browning, Hons. Garret Davis, Golladay and Trimble, of Kentucky; Eldridge, of Wisconsin; Randall, of Pennsylvania; Kerr, of Indiana; Ex-Governor Swann and Hons. Stevenson Archer, of Maryland, and others.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. MCCRAY, dinner was partaken of, the band in the meanwhile discouring music. The cloth having been removed, the first toast was read as follows:

"*Our Guest!*—The patriot statesman, ANDREW JOHNSON. As President of the United States, the bulwark of equal rights, the champion of the only true and permanent Union of these States, and the defender and martyr of the Constitution, history will vindicate his fame and record an impeachment of his impeachers, and a verdict of 'guilty' as to them, by the voice of future generations of American freemen. Baltimore, standing at the gate of the capital in front of the grand procession advancing to meet and welcome an illustrious citizen in the name of that Union, and of admiring thousands who are now coming, bids him welcome to a place in the hearts of a great people, for whose protection and happiness he bared his breast to the shafts of calumny and fire, when the Union was assaulted, and for whom to the man and the citizen, in his retirement from the seat of the National Government in the full vigor of his manly faculties, stimulated by the applause of all good citizens, we look with great assurance to his future efforts and influence for the liberation of the captive States of the Union and the rescue of their noble sire from the pitiful attempt from political slavery. May his life and destiny ever be radiant in the list of the long-lived American patriots, with the blessings of the lovers of the Constitution and Union of North America upon the glory of American citizens."

The toast was received with much applause, when Mr. JOHNSON responded.

MR. JOHNSON'S SPEECH.

GENTLEMEN: In rising after the resolution has been read and sentiments therein expressed, it is not for the purpose of making an address, but simply to return my thanks for the compliment. I have no speech to make relative to public affairs but what has been already expressed, and in rising now it is only to tender my thanks. I am free to say that during the last four years in the arduous struggle going on for constitutional liberty, in its darkest hour the confidence and encouragement of the State of Maryland have been an encouragement peculiarly encouraging in its character; for when the crisis arrived Maryland seemed to be always standing for the Constitution and the Union. I repeat, my only purpose in rising is to tender thanks, but I will say, in retiring from the most exalted position in the gift of a free people, and resuming the position of a citizen, I feel more honored than I would to-morrow in being President. I feel more pride in being an American citizen to-night than I would in being inaugurated President over the ruins of a violated Constitution. Yes, my delirious reason is the greatest case of emancipation since the rebellion. I stand a free man, and would rather be a free man than President and be a slave. The speech you have made me to-day and to-night shall be treasured up as long as one pulsation shall be sent from my heart, and carried with me. Accept my thanks, not as simple utterances, but as the expressions of a heart overwhelming with thanks for the kind reception you have given me."

The second regular toast was then given:

"*The President of the United States.*"

The toast was warmly applauded, and drank standing.

The third toast:

"*The State of Maryland*—The land of religious and political liberty. May her star ever shine brightly in our national constellation."

Responded to by Governor BOWIE.

A number of other toasts were given and responded to in an eloquent and patriotic manner. Mr. JOHNSON retired at 12 o'clock. The entertainment closed amid much enthusiasm.

Terrific Snow-storm in Canada—All the Railroads Blockaded.

MONTREAL, Thursday, March 11.

A heavy snow-storm and raging winds prevailed yesterday. No trains have started from or arrived here for two days. Four trains from New-York are blocked at St. John's. The passengers are well supplied with provisions and fuel. Two gentlemen got through by sleighs yesterday. The eastern trains are about thirty miles away, and there is no possibility of their being extricated before Saturday. The ice roads on the river are impassable. Some men tried to cross yesterday, but had to abandon their teams.

THREE RIVERS, Thursday, March 11.

There are eight feet of level snow on the track for a stretch of twenty-four miles. The trains over the Arthabaska branch of the railway have discontinued running until April.

QUEBEC, Thursday, March 11.

A terrific snow-storm prevailed here. Three men were found dead in the snow-drifts to-day near this city. They tried to travel on foot yesterday.

POINT LEVI, Thursday, March 11.

An avalanch of snow fell from the cliffs on a house containing fifteen persons, four of whom were crushed to death.

MONTREAL, Thursday, March 11.

It is understood a memorial is to be presented by the residents of this city to the American Government, expressing satisfaction at General AVERELL's conduct, and praying that he be continued as American Consul-General for Canada.

The Georgia Legislature and the Suffrage Amendment.

ATLANTA, Ga., Thursday, March 11.

The House passed the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution to-day by a vote of ayes 74, nays 69. The members who opposed its adoption argued that the amendment destroyed rights exercised by the States since the foundation of the Government; that it was an admission by the people, North and South, that they have no power to determine the right of suffrage; that it is a concession by Congress that its reconstruction measures are unconstitutional; that it invests Congress with the right to impose suffrage on all men in the States, irrespective of race or color; that the fundamental principle of democracy is that negro suffrage is wrong, not from any ill-will toward the negro, but because the Democratic Party is a white man's party; that Governor BULLOCK belongs to the class who desire the elevation of the negro above the white, for by that means alone can power be secured.

The Rhode Island Legislature.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Thursday, March 11.

In the Rhode Island House of Representatives, to-day, the Woman Suffrage proposition was rejected by a vote of 16 to 56.

The Indians on the Colorado River—Proposed New Railroad to Salt Lake City.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, March 11.

A St. George, Utah, dispatch says: "A large body of Navajo Indians are on the south side of the Colorado River. They are said to be aided by white renegades. They are well supplied with arms and ammunition, and have whipped several small bands in South Colorado, and now threaten Southern Utah.

A company has been organized here which proposes an immediate survey for the location of a branch road from Salt Lake to Ogden, to form a connection with the Union Pacific Railroad. The following persons were elected officers: BRIGHAM YOUNG, President; WILLIAM JENNINGS, Vice-President; JOS. A. YOUNG, General Superintendent; J. W. FOX, Chief Engineer.

Military Assignments on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Thursday, March 11.

Arrived, steamer Golden Age, from Panama, ship General McClellan, from New-York. The bark Europa, from Liverpool, arrived at Victoria yesterday.

General CRITTENDEN has been appointed Superintendent of the Recruiting Division of the Pacific, vice General STEWELL.

General DIVEN has been assigned to the command of the District of Arizona, with headquarters at Camp McDowell.

The excitement about the White Pine Mines is unabated, and thousands of people have gone there. Fifty-six companies have been organized in this city since the 1st of March to work the mines in that vicinity.

Prevalence of the Hog Cholera in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Thursday, March 11.

The Inspector of the East Buffalo Cattle-yards reports that 600 head of hogs arrived here on Sunday last from Illinois; that 200 were sold of the lot, and on Monday sent East. Afterward it was ascertained that forty of the balance died from cholera, and in all about one hundred have died. On Tuesday the remaining 300 were shipped East on the Erie Road. We understand the authorities here would not allow the hogs to be slaughtered in this city, as the owner desired, unless they were afterward consigned to the boneyard. This is the first case of hog cholera in the city for two years.

Important Action of the Baltimore Board of Trade.

BALTIMORE, Thursday, March 11.

The Board of Trade of this city, at the last monthly meeting, ratified the action of the National Board in reference to "cash sales of merchandise," by adopting the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, By usage the pernicious practice prevails to some extent in this city, of claiming from five to thirty days' credit on cash sales of certain merchandise; therefore, be it

Resolved, That cash sales mean cash on demand, and not five or more days' credit, which, to be obtained, must be specifically contracted for, and that any usage that has heretofore prevailed to the contrary is hereby abolished.

Collision Between the Steamboats Swan and Fanita—The Former Sunk—Her Passengers Saved.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 11.

Yesterday afternoon the steamboat Swan, hence for Salem, N. J., collided near Fort Delaware with the steamer Fanita from New-York. The Swan sank immediately in deep water. All of the passengers were saved, some of whom were taken from the water. Several persons were scalded, one badly. The Fanita is not much damaged. The weather at the time of the collision was foggy. The Swan will be raised.

Fatal Accident in Philadelphia—Three Persons Killed and One Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 11.

A house in White's-court, near Broad and Shippen streets, fell this morning from bad construction. MRS. KIDD and her children, THOMAS and MARGARET, were all killed. GOTTLIEB KIDD was taken out of the ruins alive and removed to a hospital. The walls fell on an adjoining stable, killing a horse, and also damaging another house on the opposite side of the court.

An Entire Family Buried in the Snow—Death of Ensign Whittaker.

QUEBEC, Thursday, March 11.

During the terrific snow-storm of yesterday a wooden house at Point Levi was blown to pieces, and the people within, comprising a family of three, were buried in the snow. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Ensign WHITTAKER, of the Fifty-third Regiment, who was shot a few days ago by a boy named CHALONER, for seducing his sister, died last night.

Ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Thursday, March 11.

The General Assembly has passed the joint resolution ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

HARRISBURG, Thursday, March 11.

The State Senate has ratified the Constitutional Amendment by a party vote of 18 to 15.

AUGUSTA, Me., Thursday, March 11.

Both branches of the Maine Legislature, to-day, passed a resolution adopting the Fifteenth Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE CIMBRIA, PEREIRE AND RUSSIA.

The steamships *Cimbria*, from Hamburg Feb. 24 and Southampton Feb. 27, *Pereire*, from Havre Feb. 25 and Brest Feb. 27, and *Russia*, from Liverpool Feb. 27 and Queenstown Feb. 28, reached this port yesterday. The advices thus received are later by three days than those already at hand. Captain HAACK, of the *Cimbria*, and Captain DUCHESNE, of the *Pereire*, will accept our thanks for French and German papers.

In the House of Commons, Feb. 25, Mr. MCTORRENS asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether any authentic information had been received of the rejection by the Senate of the United States of the Convention regarding the *Alabama* claims; and whether he could inform the House that the protocol regarding the mutual rights of citizenship had been accepted. Mr. OTWAY said no authentic information had been received at the Foreign Office of the rejection by the Senate of the United States of the Convention relating to the *Alabama* claims. He could not say whether the protocol regarding naturalization had been accepted, but the report of the Commission on the subject had been laid upon the table.

TRAGEDY AT SEA.

Particulars of the Loss of the Austrian Frigate Radetsky—Three Hundred Men Perish.

Vienna (Feb. 22) Correspondence of the Morning Post.

The first news of this catastrophe was received here by the naval section of the War Ministry by a telegram from the commander of the island and fortress of Lissa, in which it was stated that the optic telegraph stationed at Port Wellington had signaled the information that, at a distance of about ten miles to the northeast of the island, an Austrian frigate was blown up. The commander of the island instantly telegraphed to the vessels stationed at Trieste and Zara, and to the commander of the squadron at Gravosa, to proceed at once to the scene of the accident; and the iron-clad frigate *Ferdinand Max*, as well as the gunboat *Hum* and the steamer *Andreas Hofer*, were immediately dispatched to Lissa with orders to render any assistance that was necessary and possible under the circumstances.

A deputation of the corporation of Lissa also set out to the place where the accident had occurred, and on their return yesterday they telegraphed that of the whole crew and marines on board, numbering in all 364 men, besides the Captain, only twenty-three had been able to save themselves by swimming.

The *Radetsky* was under sail, on a cruise for gun practice, and had no steam up, so that the accident could not have been caused by the explosion of the boiler or a cylinder.

According to the meagre authentic reports which have reached the War Office and the newspapers, wet cartridges were being dried in the powder-room. The ammunition had been unpacked, and quantities of powder were lying about on the floor, and the workmen were consequently commanded to enter the room only in felt slippers. They, however, came in with their boots on, without putting felt slippers over them. The powder coming in contact with the hard soles of the boots, ignited from the friction caused thereby, and a terrific explosion sent vessel and 340 men to destruction.

A telegram from the commander of Lissa to the naval section of the War Office, dated yesterday evening, gives the following additional details: The explosion took place in the powder-room about 4 while the metal was being cleaned. Cadet BARTH was near the foremast when the explosion took place, by which he was hurled into the sea. Quartermaster KRAUS reported that he was in the corridor superintending the process of cleaning. About 4 o'clock he laid himself down in the corridor near the foremast. He was roused from his sleep by a violent shock and the cry of "Fire!" He rushed to the hatchway, but the steps were blown away, and he had to crawl into the battery, when he saw the destruction of the hind part of the ship, which was on the point of sinking. The water was rushing in from all sides, and he had just time to throw himself into the sea through the port-hole. KRAUS is of opinion that Quartermaster DOGNI, by incautiously striking a light, had caused the explosion in the powder-room, where the ammunition had been unpacked and cartridges spread out to dry.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Hon. Reverdy Johnson's Latest Speeches on the Relations of the Two Countries.

On Feb. 25, Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON visited Manchester and met the members of the City Council and of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. An address and reply were read, and Mr. JOHNSON afterward spoke.

REMARKS OF THE AMERICAN MINISTER.

After having referred to the then existing condition of the *Alabama* difficulty, he said: Two or three subjects of dispute may be considered as actually settled. One of them, the question whether native allegiance was perpetual, a doctrine supported by your Courts from the beginning of your Government down to the hour when the recent convention was made, was to contrary, as we supposed, to what should be the true doctrine upon the subject, and so inconsistent with the duties which, under the Constitution of my country, we owe to the naturalized citizens, that we felt especially anxious that that should be settled, and I was directed to devote myself in the first instance to bring about that result. That has been done to the entire satisfaction of all departments of my Government as well as to the satisfaction of your Government. * * * In relation to the other cause of controversy, this is not the occasion, and I should not be discharging my own duty, as I think, if I were to discuss in your presence the obligations which your Government is under to ours to make amends by granting an indemnity for the wrongs which we supposed were perpetrated upon our commerce through the fitting of the *Alabama* and the other vessels from your ports, manned for the most part by Englishmen, and armed through the instrumentality of English artisans and English capital. Whether you are responsible or not is a question which we are willing to have solved by some friendly arbitration, for war on our part, or on your part, in order to settle that question, would be an act of absolute insanity, to say nothing of the outrage which would be perpetrated upon humanity and Christian civilization. And I think, as I have had occasion more than once to say, that you are more interested in such a settlement of that cause of the dispute than we are. To us, as a nation, the payment of a few millions of dollars is comparatively nothing; but to you, who may be involved in a war in spite of yourselves with some of the nations of continental Europe, *the principle that a neutral nation can suffer vessels of war to be built within her own limits and given to the aid of a belligerent is a matter of vast importance.* How did our commerce suffer through the cruise of the *Alabama* and the other vessels, and how completely was it driven from the ocean! Where the vessels were not captured and burned, as they were to a great extent, those which got into a safe harbor dared not come out again; and what our shipowners were compelled to do was to sell their vessels and place them for the most part under your flag to secure protection. Now, what could your maritime force—of which you have just cause to be proud, and to which for years and centuries your reputation and standing in the world has so much to be referred—do for the protection of your commercial marine if there were fitted out in the United States steamers like the *Alabama*, constructed to run some fourteen knots an hour, to prey upon your commerce? *It would share the fate of ours during the late war.* It would be burned if captured, and your merchants would be afraid to send out their fleets to run the hazard of capture. Your commerce driven from the ocean—still worse, your commerce on the ocean destroyed—the sufferings of Manchester during our late civil war would be comparatively as nothing when compared with the sufferings you would undergo in such a case as that. * * * * * *

I hope the day will come, and I trust it will soon come, when, listening to the spirit of a more enlightened civilization—and above all, looking to the interests of all peoples, to the happiness and security of individual men upon the ocean—they will agree to adopt it as one of the laws of nations, that private property upon the ocean, during war, shall never be subject to capture. That done, men may be killed upon the land and upon the ocean in battle, but the poor merchant will go his own way unharmed, and will return with the fruits of his enterprise to mitigate the sufferings which would otherwise be the condition of his countrymen. Another effort would be to remove what I fear has been in former times, one of the inducements to war. The capture of private property upon the ocean is a tempting bait. Millions and millions, when a war occurs between two such nations as yours and my own, or, indeed, between any other nation and your own—millions of property are afloat. What an incitement to plunder! How greedy—not for the gratification of a noble ambition, but for the purpose of filling their individual exchequers—how greedy will men be for a chance to go upon the ocean and get rich by appropriating to themselves the property of others. A few gentlemen—it may be so with you, and it may be so with us—a few men, active, enterprising and intelligent, may bring about a state of feeling in either country which will influence the conduct of its administration, and induce them to rush into a war, when, but for such inducement, a war would not have been thought of. With a few concluding words of repeated thanks, Mr. JOHNSON resumed his seat.

The proceedings then terminated.

In the evening Mr. JOHNSON was entertained at dinner in the Town-hall by the Mayor and Corporation of the city. The Mayor (Mr. GRAVES) presided.

Mr. JOHNSON, in responding to the toast of his health, said, when he returned home, which he did not expect to do until all our difficulties were settled, he should remember with the most lively gratification his visit to Manchester. He asked his hearers not to be alarmed, for there was nothing in the political horizon that gave him the least fear that peace would be disturbed between England and America. It had been said that the President elect was opposed to the *Alabama* Convention, and desirous of war. It was a base and unfounded calumny. General GRANT had seen too much of war to desire another drop of blood to be spilt. In his letter to the Convention, by which he was nominated as their candidate on the 20th of May, 1868, he said, "We want peace, and universal prosperity, its sequence;" and he closes that letter by repeating, "Let us have peace." *That peace, as far as depended upon General Grant, we might be sure would be maintained.* His Excellency afterward said he had pleasure in referring to the fact that the same merciful policy which was adopted by the victors in the American struggle was being to a certain extent adopted by the English Government in reference to the Fenians.

CRUELTY AT SEA.

Brutal Treatment of the Passengers of the Ship James Foster—Arrest of the Officers—Statements of the Injured.

The list of the passengers upon the *James Foster*, seventy-six days from Liverpool, which arrived here on Sunday, were landed yesterday morning at Castle Garden from quarantine. They were ninety-six in number, and in good health. From forty to fifty invalids were reported in the TIMES of yesterday as having been taken from the ship to Ward's Island Hospital, and fourteen are lying ill at the Seamen's Retreat at Edgewater. The boatswain, carpenter and third mate of the vessel are also at Edgewater, under arrest for brutal treatment of several emigrants and sailors. Many of the patients are debilitated from the effects of ship fever, and others are suffering severely from diarrhœa. Painful stories are told by them of the brutality of Captain ARMSTRONG and his two first officers toward the crew.

The following are the sworn statements of two of the passengers and one of the crew, who were among the maltreated:

STATEMENT OF AARON LEVI.

Aaron Levi, a native of Poland, says that he was a passenger by the ship *James Foster, Jr.*, from Liverpool to New-York, and speaks of his treatment during the voyage as follows: I was accompanied by my two children; I did not receive a sufficiency of food—not one-half the amount the contract called for; I went to the first mate to ask for more, and he beat me with his hands; I am yet suffering from the effects of the beating I received from him; I did not get enough coal to cook my victuals; I frequently have had to throw my food overboard, as I could not cook it, having no coal allowed me; I complained to the Captain, and by him was told to "Go to—;" several times in the middle of the night I was compelled by the boatswain to go on deck to help to work the ship; I saw the first mate strike a passenger named Abraham Mayer; I also saw him strike a passenger named Hyman Gordon; he struck them with his clenched hands.

STATEMENT OF TED. WILSON.

Ted. Wilson, another passenger by the *Foster*, says: During the latter part of the voyage, while eating dinner in the galley, I was told to come out, and on not immediately complying, was struck by the carpenter; I was knocked against the water-tank, and very much bruised; John Wilson, now in hospital, was a witness to the assault; this was the only time I was struck by him or any one else during the voyage; they did not give the passengers enough water; the water measure was half full of pitch, so it held less; I saw the boatswain strike Joseph Coen with his hands when in the hatchway; saw the carpenter strike William Hill; he struck him in the breast with his hands; these were the only two I saw struck; three passengers died during the voyage and one was lost overboard; the provisions were insufficient; we were not allowed sufficient coal to cook our provisions.

STATEMENT OF MICHAEL GANNON.

Michael Gannon, a native of the City of Dublin, Ireland, says that he came by the ship *James Foster, Jr.*, from Liverpool to New-York, and makes the following statement: Was a passenger cook on said ship, and when I signed the papers I supposed it was for a passenger cook, but afterward found out it was for an ordinary seaman; I can read, but did not read the contract I signed; on the 16th December, 1868, I was struck by the carpenter for not answering his call as quickly as he wished; on this occasion he blackened my eyes and cut my face; the carpenter struck me nearly every day during the voyage for trifling things; on the 4th of February, 1869, I was knocked down, kicked in the neck and breast by the first mate; on the 16th of December, 1868, I was going to the doctor's office for treatment for the bruises I had already received from the carpenter, when the mate knocked me down with his hands; I saw John Stokes, a passenger cook, beaten by the carpenter; he beat him on the head with an iron belaying-pin; said John Stokes died about fourteen days after this; previous to his death, said Stokes told me that he would not recover from the effects of this beating; I am convinced that the beating he received from the carpenter was the cause of his death; I also saw the carpenter beat another of the passenger cooks; he took him into the coal-locker and beat him with a stick; this man died about three weeks afterward; he also told me he could not recover from the effects of the beating received from the carpenter; the salt water got mixed more or less with the fresh water in the tanks which were exposed; this was caused by the vessel shipping seas; the passengers were not allowed a sufficient quantity of coal to cook their victuals.

Other similar statements were made by passengers and crew, and the Commissioners of Emigration will investigate the matter thoroughly to-day.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Reunion of the Alumni at the Astor House—Speeches by Messrs. David Dudley Field, William Cullen Bryant, President Hopkins, and Others.

The annual reunion of the Alumni of Williams College was held at the Astor House last evening. The chair was taken by DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, Esq., having on the right Dr. Hopkins, President of Williams College, Dr. Irenæus Prime, Judge Nelson, of Oregon, Rev. Henry M. Field, S. F. Williams, a lineal descendant of Ephraim Williams, the founder of the college; and on the left William Cullen Bryant, E. C. Benedict, Rev. Orville Dewey, E. T. Mack, Dr. G. R. Ely, Rev. Wm. A. Halleck, Professor Whitney, of Yale, Professor Joy, Professor Comer, Dr. Peters, Dr. Bumstead, Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., Charles S. Spencer, Colonel Dwight, Colonel Betts, Professor Alonzo Clarke, &c. There were about 150 gentlemen present.

An excellent dinner was provided by Messrs. STETSON, and a fine band of music performed a selection of popular and operatic airs during the repast.

Grace was said before dinner by Rev. Dr. DEWEY, and after dinner by Rev. Dr. HALLECK.

On the removal of the cloth the Chairman rose and gave the toast of "The President of the United States," which was drunk with great applause.

The President then rose and said, in the course of a lengthy speech:

It is the preeminent distinction of Williams College that from its portals the primary motive-power of America was born. Five of her undergraduates, glowing with religious fervor, kindled the fire which, flashing to Heaven, has lighted the whole world. Missionaries bearing her diploma have gone into all lands. I have seen them on the shores of the Bosphorus and under the shadow of the Parthenon, on the banks of the Halys, and along the slopes of Lebanon. They have penetrated the farthest east and and stood in the gates of the morning, while in theology, science and literature, they have been active in the regeneration of the Pacific Islands. If that could be made clear to the bodily sense which is audible to the mind, we might hear morning and evening prayers in a hundred languages for the Corporate Body of this institution which has given birth to the largest and most successful missions of modern times. Great as are these distinctions of our Alma Mater, they are not the only ones. In all that relates to education, to the promotion of learning and the advancement of civilization, she is not a whit behind the most advanced of her sisters. In peace she has put her sons to the arts of peace, in war she has sent them to battle. In conclusion the President proposed—"*Our Alma Mater Gulielmensis semper diligendis semper colendis.*"

The entire speech was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Dr. HOPKINS, in response, made a very happy speech, in which he recounted the history of the college for the past fifty years, and spoke hopefully of its future.

The Secretary of the Association then read letters from Senators HOWARD and MORGAN, General GARFIELD, member of Congress, and others.

The next regular toast given was:

"*The Faculty of the College*—Their learning and fidelity will maintain the historic reputation of our Alma Mater."

Responded to by Professor CARTER.

The fourth toast was:

"*The Benefactors of the College*—May their shadow never be less; may their substance ever increase."

This toast was to have been responded to by WILLIAM E. DODGE; but that gentleman was unavoidably absent, and sent a telegram full of good wishes to the College. The glee club then sang, "Old Williams is a Jolly Home."

The fifth toast was:

"*The Sons of Williams*—who served in defence of the national flag during the recent rebellion."

Colonel DWIGHT was called upon to respond to the toast, which he did in a speech full of happy allusions to the founder of the College, from whom he was a descendant. He stated that thirty-two Alumni of the College had died in the service of the country during the war.

The sixth regular toast was:

"*The Poet Laureate of our Alma Mater*—The world honors his genius, but Williams claims him as her son."

This toast was responded to with great enthusiasm.

Mr. BRYANT, in a response of great fitness, said:

I thank the company for this expression of their good will. Yet there is but one part of the toast just given which I can without vanity take to myself—the words, I mean, expressive of the filial relation which I bear to Williams College. I am proud to acknowledge my obligations to her as my foster mother, although I came late to the trough, that is to say in my sophomore year, and was weaned early, namely, toward the end of that year. I should, however, be loth to count as to reckon me among her family in her catalogues, and admit me to the honors bestowed upon those who have spent their entire collegiate life under her tuition. Mr. President, I rejoice in her growth, in the increase of dignity and usefulness and public respect which has been born since the time when I was a student of Williams College. I rejoice in the growth of every respect an institution worthy of the beautiful region in which it is situated, and that is saying much. The world has not many places in which the aspect of external nature is so delicious. The great mountains, the glorious valleys, the clear streams murmuring through smooth and fresh meadows, the glens, the waterfalls, the forests form combinations which have sometimes made me wonder why the poetic descendants of Williams are not oftener attended by strangers, were it only for a look at the charming landscapes by which they are surrounded. I have thought that those who sojourn in the learned shades must be sometimes haunted by the feeling expressed by Dr. ARNOLD, when, sitting in his study at Rugby, he said, "I am in my study, and may open from the page before me and look out, lest I be tempted to go out upon Fairfield." Fairfield, you know, is one of the mountains of which overlook the beautiful region of the English lakes.

The remainder of the speech was an eloquent indorsement of the administration of affairs by President HOPKINS, who, as Mr. BRYANT said, was indeed the right man in the right place.

The next toast was:

"*The Sons of Williams*—who, on the Bench and at the Bar, have illustrated the institution."

Responded to by Judge BENEDICT.

The other toasts were "Our Brethren in the Medical Profession," "The Memory of EPHRAIM WILLIAMS, founder of the College," (when a sword, formerly belonging to the illustrious founder, was presented by Judge BENEDICT,) "The Ladies," "The Younger Alumni," &c. The remainder of the meeting was spent in convivial harmony.

Discovery of Tobacco Frauds.

On the 30th of January, Collector SHOOK, of the Thirty-second District, received information that there was a lot of plug tobacco in store No. 74 Water-street, this City, with a fraudulent label on the packages. Mr. SHOOK immediately caused the seizure of the goods, and on the following Monday, gave the case to his deputy, ISAAC HARVEY, for examination. In the course of the day, Mr. HARVEY ascertained that the tobacco came here by way of Baltimore, Md., in hogsheads, and was shipped as "tobacco stems." Each hogshead contained forty caddies of plug tobacco, surrounded by tobacco stems, for a blind. Mr. HARVEY further learned that five of these hogsheads had been shipped from this City to Boston on the previous Friday and Saturday; whereupon the agent of the line at Boston was telegraphed to to hold the property, and, at the same time, WM. H. MCCARTHY, Esq., Collector of Internal Revenue at Boston, was written to to seize the same, which he did on the 2d of February. In the meantime, Mr. HARVEY kept up the investigation, and was rewarded by finding three hogsheads more of the same style of tobacco in a cotton store at No. 11 Broadway on the 4th of February, making in all about 1,000 pounds of plug tobacco. Still continuing his investigations, he became satisfied that the tobacco was manufactured in Richmond, Va., whereupon Mr. HARVEY asked of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that CHAS. BLACKIE be instructed to visit Richmond with a view of having the factory seized if found. Mr. BLACKIE arrived in Richmond about the 20th of February, and on the 23d of February caused the seizure of the tobacco factory of J. M. PAINTER, of Richmond, having become satisfied from information received before starting for Richmond that the tobacco in question came from that establishment.

The manufacturers of this tobacco, in order to mislead the Government officers and to shield their factory, put the factory number of JAS. G. DILL, a prominent manufacturer of Richmond, on the boxes, as section 63 of the act of July 20, 1868, requires that every wooden package containing tobacco shall have the manufacturer's or proprietor's name and number of the factory legibly marked upon it.

The matter will, of course, undergo proper legal examination for the purpose of fastening the fraud upon the proper parties.

Three Houses Burned.

About two o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the three-story frame building in Fifty-ninth-street, near Eleventh-avenue, owned by JAMES NETTIS, and occupied by him as a rectifying distillery, and the building and contents were totally destroyed, causing a loss to NETTIS of $1,500, upon which there was no insurance. The flames spread to the adjoining two-story frame dwelling of PATRICK MOORE, and from that to a smaller frame adjo

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Yesterday was a much more satisfactory day at the salesrooms than the preceding one. The morning was bright and clear, and although the attendance was no larger than on Tuesday, the proportion of bidders was greater, and the market generally a little firmer than any day since Monday. Yet it was hesitating and undecided. The speculators were evidently at fault, inclining toward a rising market, yet fearing to invest very extensively lest their ideas should prove incorrect, while the other class, who purchase for investment, were scarcely as enthusiastic as usual, and, though evidently expecting a decline, were unwilling to miss the opportunity to buy, lest they also should be mistaken, and the change, when it does take place, should be contrary to their desires.

The sales were consequently very irregular; some pieces of desirable property brought large prices; other pieces equally desirable were offered, and failing to bring anything near the amounts they were valued at by their owners, were either withdrawn or bid in. One very noticeable feature was that improved business property was most in demand. Last week unimproved lots were the only ones which brought large prices.

The oldest operators seem entirely lost. They "do not know what to make of it." They predict all sorts of things. One venerable gentleman, who has been familiar with all matters connected with New-York real estate for many years, and who is by many regarded as authority, says the day for extravagant prices has passed; that the change has already commenced, and that from this time there will be a decline. Another gentleman, equally old and experienced, and as highly esteemed, is positive that this is but a temporary lull, a sort of breathing spell; that next week will see an improvement, and that by Monday the demand will be as great and the market as firm as ever. There are many good reasons why his ideas may be regarded as correct. The increased demand for real estate was sudden and unexpected. With the proposition for a Grand Boulevard and the consequent improvement of all property in its vicinity, grew a demand for west-end lots on which to build elegant mansions. The number of lots originally offered were few, the would-be purchasers many. The prices consequently advanced with great rapidity, and in proportion as they went higher and higher, the desire to purchase increased. Shrewd men took advantage of this excitement, large plots of wild property, where the streets were not even cut through, were divided up into City lots and put into the market, until it finally became overcrowded. Purchasers, astonished at the great supply, became more cautious and less anxious to buy, until finally, as might be expected, a change came, and now the market is moderately quiet.

By far the largest crowd in the salesrooms yesterday gathered around the stand of Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., who were selling a portion of the Lorillard estate, under the direction of PHILO T. RUGGLES, Esq., referee, and the prices brought by this property were higher than any other. One lot with buildings thereon, situate on the north side of Canal-street, twenty-three feet west of Mercer-street, 19.9x88.10, after a spirited contest, was knocked down to the owner of the corner property for $51,000, by far the best sale of the day. The four-story brick store No. 113 Pearl-street, near Hanover, 24.8x[illegible]x90.8x[illegible], brought $48,000. The lot with one-story building, No. 142 Worth-street, near Centre, 22x92.10, brought $17,000. The perpetual lease—rent $100—of property on corner of Houston and Mercer streets, in rear of where St. Thomas' Church once stood, brought $4,000. The gross amount realized by this sale was $224,600—much better than was anticipated.

Messrs. E. H. LUDLOW & Co. had some desirable up-town property to sell, but the number of bidders was not great. One lot, with three-story, attic and basement brick house, No. 121 Clinton-place, near Sixth-avenue, brought $16,500. Other pieces, on Fifty-fifth-street, near Sixth-avenue, on One Hundred and Twentieth-street, near Third-avenue, and on Fifth-avenue, between One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, brought very moderate prices. It is quite possible these last may be offered again when the market is more favorable.

The Bay Ridge property offered by Messrs. WYCKOFF & LITTLE, and the Brooklyn property offered by Messrs. JOHNSON & MILLER, attracted good audiences, composed principally of first-class mechanics and small merchants. The lots are desirable for small residences, and went off pretty rapidly at good, fair prices. Other similar property will be offered next week.

A small sale was made at Elizabeth, N. J., which is interesting, chiefly because it was once the residence of Lieutenant-General WINFIELD SCOTT. The mansion-house and lot northwest corner of Jersey-street and Madison-avenue, lot 115.2x135.8x31.2x130, was sold for $9,750; one lot west side of Madison-avenue, near Jersey-street, $1,000; one adjoining, $950, and one lot on Jefferson-avenue, north of Jersey-street, $1,125.

The sales to-day are very light. Messrs. MULLER, WILKINS & Co. have several pieces of improved property to offer. The majority of stands though will be vacant, and there will be no particular excitement at the salesrooms until Monday next, when several important sales will take place, among which one of the largest will be that of the Morris estate, by JAMES M. MILLER, whose advertisement will be found at the head of another column.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK CITY.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co.

2 1-story brick house and lot, No. 128 E. 126th-st.; lot 25x[illegible] block, Mrs. M. Fowler ..... $[illegible]
1 lot s. w. corner of 126th-st. and 3d-av.; lot 26.8x[illegible], J. H. Brennan for 10,200
1 lot adjoining above, fronting 3d-av., 25x100, J. H. Ryerson, for ..... [illegible]
2 lots adjoining, each 25x100, J. H. Ryerson 14,000
2 lots adjoining, each 25x100, J. H. Ryerson 14,000
3 brick buildings and lots, Nos. [illegible] and [illegible] Mercer-st.; lots 22x100, A. Rose 30,500
1 lot n. s. of 54th-st., 400 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x100.5, A. Rose ..... [illegible]
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.5, A. Rose ..... [illegible]
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.5, F. Fox ..... [illegible]
1 lot n. s. 118th-st., 300 ft. w. of 9th-av., 25x100.11, A. Hall ..... [illegible]
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.11, A. Hall ..... [illegible]
1 lot 30 ft. w. of above, 25x100.11, A. Hall ..... [illegible]
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.11, A. Hall ..... [illegible]
4 lots s. s. 118th-st. and corner 8th-av., 25x100.11, A. Raymond 7,000
1 lot n. s. 126th-st., 425 ft. e. of 6th-av.; lots 25x100, A. Raymond ..... [illegible]

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

1 story building and lot n. s. Worth-st., 84 ft. e. of Centre-st., lot 22x92.11, H. J. Barbery $27,000
3 story brick house and 1-story brick shop and lot, No. 231 Washington-st., 75 ft. from Desbrosses-st., lot 22.1x63, W. Spear 12,000
2 story brick house and 1-story brick store and lot, Nos. 26 and 28 Thompson-st., near Broome-st., lot 43.2x94, M. A. L. Steinberger 30,000
4-story frame house and lot No. 22 Baxter-st., near Franklin-st., lot 24.11x70, C. Coyle 11,000
4-story, 2-story, 1-story brick house and lot No. 215 Canal-st., 22 ft. w. of Mercer-st., lot 19.9x61.8, Hink & Russell 51,000
3-story, 1-story brick buildings and lot No. 41 Elm-st., 100 ft. n. of Pearl-st., lot 26x100, F. M. Jones 15,000
2-story brick house and lot No. 127 Hudson-street-way, 100 ft. from Pike-st., lot 24.11x76, L. Reed 12,500
4-story brick store and lot No. 113 Pearl-st., 80 ft. from Hanover, lot 24.8x90.8, P. B. Cutting 48,000
1 2-story frame house and lot No. 236 Elizabeth-st., 18x4.6 s. s. of Bleecker, lot 22.11x58.8, A. Tuska 11,100
1 1-story frame house and lot No. 110 Canal-st., 20.8 ft. e. of Forsyth-st., lot 24.2x74.2, G. Rabb 15,100
1 house 3-story brick buildings and lot, corner of Houston and Mercer-sts., rent $100 per annum, tenant pays all taxes and assessments, lot 26x103.6, K. P. Davis 4,000

By Wm. Kennedy.

3-story brick store, front house and lot, n. s. corner of 6th-av. and 124th-st., lot 25x92, J. H. Ryerson $15,500
2-story brick house and lot, n. s. of 3d-av., 50 ft. n. of 112th-st., lot 20x100, J. H. Ryerson 22,300
2-story frame house and lot, n. s. of 109th-st., 325 ft. e. of 3d-av., lot 17x100.6; block 7, Kinsler 4,000
2-story brick house in rear, and lot, No. 46 Suffolk-st., 100 ft. s. of Broome-st., lot 20x100, J. B. Freeman 12,000

By ——.

2-story house and lot No. 276 Delancey-st., between Columbia and Clinton sts., lot 18.9x70, Mr. Hirschburg ..... [illegible]
2 lots s. w. corner 6th-av. and 106th-st., 75.8x92, Mr. Hirschburg 15,700

By E. H. Ludlow & Co.

1 lot s. s. 59th-st., 175 ft. w. of 4th-av., 25x100.5, J. R. Lozada ..... [illegible]
3 lots fronting on 5th-av., between 114th and 115th streets, and 1 lot s. s. 115th-st., 100 ft. e. of 5th-av., each 25x100, Mr. Rosenthal ..... [illegible]
2-story frame house and lot s. s. 126th-st., 150 ft. e. of 3d-av., lot 25x92, Mr. Vandecord ..... [illegible]
2-story brick house and lot No. 181 Greenwich-st., 22.7 ft. s. of 6th-av., lot 22x38.11, Jas. Hugh 16,500

By Allen & Brown.

2-story brown-stone house and lot, No. 222 [illegible] st., 247 ft. w. of 6th-av., lot 21.8x[illegible] ..... [illegible]

BROOKLYN.

By Johnson & Miller.

1 lot on s. e. corner Park-av. and Stephen-st., 25x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
1 lot on Park-av., adjoining, same size ..... [illegible]
1 lot on Park-av., adjoining, same size ..... [illegible]
1 lot on s. s. Park-av., 75 ft. w. of Stephen-st., same size ..... [illegible]
1 gore lot on e. s. Grand-av., near Park-av., 22x[illegible]x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
1 gore lot on e. s. of Grand-av., 125 ft. from last lot, 22x[illegible]x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
1 gore lot on e. s. of Grand-av., near Myrtle-av., 22x[illegible]x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
2 lots on w. s. of Stephen-st., near Park-av., 25x100, each ..... [illegible]
1 gore lot on e. s. of Schenck-st., near Park-av., 22x[illegible]x[illegible]x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
1 lot on w. s. of Schenck-st., near Park-av., 25x100 ..... [illegible]
1 lot on e. s. of Stephen-st., rear of above, same size ..... [illegible]
8 lots on w. s. of Schenck-st., near Park-av., same size, each ..... [illegible]
1 lot on e. s. Stephen-st., rear of above, same size ..... [illegible]
1 lot on e. s. Stephen-st., rear of above, same size ..... [illegible]
1 lot on e. s. Stephen-st., rear of above, same size ..... [illegible]
1 lot on e. s. Schenck-st., near Willoughby-av., 25x100 ..... [illegible]
1 lot on w. s. of Schenck-st., near Willoughby-av., 25x100 ..... [illegible]
1 lot on w. s. of Schenck-st., near Willoughby-av., 25x100 ..... [illegible]
1 lot on e. s. Willoughby-av., near Stephen-st., 25x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
1 lot on e. s. of Stephen-st., near Willoughby-av., 25x100.4 ..... [illegible]
1 lot on s. s. of Gates-av., near Myrtle-av., 25x100 ..... [illegible]
1 gore lot on s. s. of Quincy-pl., near Classon-av., 22x114x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
1 gore lot on s. s. of Hickory-st., near Grand-av., 22x46.2x20.6x38.5 1,250
1 gore lot on s. s. of Hickory-st., near Grand-av., 22x[illegible]x[illegible]x[illegible] 910
4 lots on s. s. of Lafayette-av., near Grand-av., 25x100, each 1,675
2 lots on Greene-av., w. s., near Grand-av., 25x100, each 1,550
1 lot on Van Buren-st., rear of above, same size, each 1,225
1 lot on n. s. Van Buren-st., nearly opposite do., each 1,225
1 lot on e. s. Grand-av., near Lafayette-av., 25x100 1,675
1 lot on e. s. Schenck-st., near De Kalb-av., 25x97.8x100.8x[illegible] 910
1 lot e. s. s. Schenck-st., near Lafayette-av., 25x92.11x[illegible]x[illegible] 900
1 lot n. s. Schenck-st., near Willoughby-av., 25x100 ft. 950
1 lot on e. s. Schenck-st., near De Kalb av., G. Sharpe, 25x[illegible]x94x[illegible] 810
2 lots on e. s. Stephen st., near Willoughby-av., 25x100, each 775
4 lots on same side, adjoining, same size, each 750
1 lot on e. s. Stephen-st., between Myrtle and Park avs., 25x100 750
1 lot on e. s. Stephen-st., between Myrtle and Willoughby avs., 25x100 750
1 lot on w. s. Stephen-st., opposite above, same size as last sold 755
2 lots on St. Felix-st. and 2 lots on Raymond-st., between Fulton and De Kalb avs., known as Arcma stables, 46x140.3, T. J. Case 15,000

By Wyckoff & Little.

3-story house and plot of ground, Nos. 102, 104, 106, 108 and 110 Seventh-st., 100 ft. n. of Willoughby-av., 100x100, McMerrill $41,400

FLATBUSH.

By Wyckoff & Little.

2-story frame house and 27 lots on 4th-av., between 67th-st. and Cowenhoven-lane, Mrs. F. Quincy $12,500

BAY RIDGE.

By Wyckoff & Little.

8 lots on 8th-av., between 66th and 67th sts., each 25x100, H. Lyons $2,040
5 lots on 67th-st., 100 ft. n. of 8th-av., each 25x100.2, Jas. Weir ..... [illegible]
3 lots adjoining, same size, J. Fay 450
2 lots adjoining, same size, Jas. Kingsley 310
2 lots adjoining, same size, W. Lossey 310
3 lots adjoining, same size, H. Smith 290
6 lots adjoining, same size, Dr. G. L. Horton 650
6 lots in 68th-st., w. s., 50 ft. n. of 6th-av., each 25x100, Jas. Mc[illegible] ..... [illegible]
4 lots adjoining, same size, Wm. Sweeny 675
2 lots 25 ft. n. of above, same size 250
4 lots on n. s. of 67th-av., corner of 68th-st., each 25x100, J. F. Stoddard ..... [illegible]
3 lots on 66th-st., 100 ft. n. of 6th-av., each 25x100.2 250
2 lots adjoining, each 25x100, P. Hendrickson 200
2 lots adjoining, each same size, T. Jackson 450
3 lots on 66th-st., 100 ft. from 6th-av., each 25x100, P. Hendrickson 375
3 lots adjoining, same size, G. H. Hedges 221
3 lots adjoining, same size, T. Jackson 307
4 lots corner 6th-av. and 66th-st., each 25x100.2, J. Miller ..... [illegible]
4 lots adjoining, same size, John Cummings 550
4 lots on same, corner 66th-st., each 25x100.2, S. W. Bergen ..... [illegible]
6 lots on 66th-st., 100 ft. s. 6th-av., same size, S. W. Bergen ..... [illegible]
1 lot adjoining, same size, J. Murray 130
2 lots adjoining, same size, Mr. Driggs 220
1 lot adjoining, same size, S. Driggs 135
1 lot adjoining, same size, O. Schermerhorn 115
2 lots adjoining, same size, J. Simonson 240
2 lots adjoining, same size, Mr. Lowery 240
2 lots adjoining, same size, J. Simonson 240
1 lot adjoining, same size, Peter Schlotterbeck 120
2 lots on 68th-st., 100.2 ft. from 6th-av., each 25x100.2, Geo. D. Scott 270
3 lots adjoining, same size, J. M. Smith 375
6 lots on 4th-av., 10 lots on 67th-st., and 10 lots on 68th-st., each 25x100.2, F. J. Goodray 3,540
19 lots in rear of the above, same size, A. H. Beebe 2,000
8 lots on 5th-av., between 66th and 67th sts., each 25x100, M. Hughes 1,200
2 lots on Stewart-av., near Cowenhoven's-lane, each 25x198.4, J. G. Newell 400
2 lots 50 ft. n. of the above, each 25x100.4, E. F. Fye 400

ELIZABETH, N. J.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co.

2-story brick and stone house and lot n. w. corner of Jersey-st. and Madison-av., lot 116.3x183.8x31.2x[illegible], J. Ogden $9,750
1 lot w. s. of Madison-av., near Jersey-st., lot 18.7x179.1x184.8x33, J. Ogden 1,000
1 lot adjoining, 25.7x178.8x178.1x32, J. Ogden 950
1 lot s. s. of Jefferson-av., 150 ft. n. of Jersey-st., 66.35x100, J. Ogden 1,125

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Broad-st., e. s., 172 ft. n. of Beaver-st., 184.8x18.2x irreg.x19.8 ..... $41,000
Broad-st., e. s., 103.6 ft. n. of Beaver-st., 19.2x irreg.x23.8x[illegible]x44.8x32.10x28.2x[illegible] 44,000
Beaver-st., s. w. corner of St. John's-lane, 20x90 10,200
Broad-st., e. s., 104.3 ft. n. of Beaver-st., 123.7x19.9x138.2x30.1 41,000
Lots Nos. 236 and 237, map made by Edwin Smith Mangin-st., w. s., lot No. 37, estate of Willett, 25x100, each half part 2,400
Rivington-st., No. 322, section 11, lot 25x100 ..... nom.
Rivington-st., No. 309, 25x100, (s. part) ..... nom.
30th-st., e. s., 100.3 ft. w. of Lexington-av., 17.8x[illegible] 18,000
23d-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of 7th-av., 25x98.9 ..... nom.
40th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x98.9 11,000
42d-st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 2d-av., 25x98.9 9,000
42d-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of Boston road, 100x100 20,000
42d-st., n. s., 300 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x100.11x irreg. ..... nom.
43d-st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x100.11x irreg. ..... nom.
43d-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x100.11x irregular 6,100
46th-st., n. s., 300 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x100 7,300
47th-st., n. s., 400 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x100.4 6,000
48th-st., n. s., 162.5 ft. e. of 4th-av., 12.5x100.5 20,000
77th-st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of 1st-av., 25x100 17,500
80th-st., n. s., 325 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x100.5 4,175
80th-st., n. s., 375 ft. w. of 1st-av., 25x[illegible] block 19,000
80th-st., n. s., 375 ft. w. of 4th-av., 24.6x100.5 7,500
80th-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 10th-av., 25x100.5 4,175
80th-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of 1st-av., 25x[illegible] block 19,000
80th-st., n. s., 375 ft. w. of 4th-av., 24.6x100.5 7,500
80th-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 8th-av., 25x100.5 7,000
80th-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 8th-av., 25x100.5 9,500
80th-st., n. s., 475 ft. w. of 8th-av., 50x100.5 14,500
81st-st., n. s., w. corner of 1st-av., 50x102.2x100x[illegible] ..... [illegible]
[illegible] 17,500
71st-st., n. s., 425 ft. w. of 8th-av., 75x100 16,000
71st-st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 4th-av., 100x100.5 25,000
71st-st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of 4th-av., 25x100.5 8,775
71st-st., n. s., 300 ft. w. of 4th-av., 25x100.5 11,200
72d-st., n. s., w. of 1st-av., 102.2x[illegible] 35,000
[illegible] ..... [illegible]
[illegible] ..... [illegible]
[illegible] ..... [illegible]

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

TWENTY-EIGHT LOTS

ON

GRAND BOULEVARD

AND

18TH-ST.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1869, at 12 M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway,

18TH-AV. BOULEVARD.—Four lots on the east side of Eighth-av., commencing at the south corner of 140th-st.—Twenty-four lots on the south side of 140th-st., Southerly from the corner of the Boulevard; lots each 25x1 block; this perfect ground level and free from pock; 40 per cent. can remain on mortgage. Maps of No. 77 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

WHITE PLAINS, WESTCHESTER-COUNTY, PROPERTY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF GEORGE P. NELSON, ESQ., REFEREE, in pursuance of an order of the Supreme Court in the case of Van Tuyl vs. Van Tuyl—in partition—The following property of the undersigned, the late Alderman William Taylor:

1. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, on SATURDAY, March 20, at 11 o'clock, at the Court-house in White Plains, County of Westchester, N. Y.:

Six lots on the Boston Post-road and Mamaroneck Railroad, being the same conveyed to the said Alderman Wm. Taylor, in the town of Rye, Westchester County, bounded by lands of Ralph Marshall and others. Map ready.

2. A pleasant and secure house adjoining on the Old Boston post road and the Mamaroneck River, about 4 miles from Westchester County.

3. Four lots of land on Willis-Av., in the village of Mamaroneck, Westchester County.

4. A tract of land on Harrison, in the town of Mamaroneck, County of Westchester, on the Weaver-st. road, containing 8 acres and 111 rods.

5. A piece of land in Mamaroneck, on road known as the road from the Boston-road to Weaver-st., and containing 10 acres and 111 rods.

6. A piece of land in Mamaroneck, on turnpike and Old Boston road, with a front of 200 feet on the turnpike road.

7. A piece of land in Mamaroneck, on turnpike road, 10 acres and 4 inches, by the horse shed of A. Quint, deceased.

8. A piece of land in Mamaroneck, on Boston post road, adjoining land of Mr. Mitchell, on turnpike and Old Boston road, with a front of 200 feet on the turnpike road.

9. All the land under water between high and low water mark, adjacent to land of R. Craighead, known as Hog Island, Mamaroneck Harbor.

10. All the land under water, between high and low water mark, adjacent to land of R. Craighead, known as Hog Island, Mamaroneck Harbor.

11. All the land under water, between high and low water mark, adjacent to lands of said Craighead, northerly side of Hog Island.

12. A piece of land in the town of Mamaroneck, known as Hog Island Grassy Knoll, and all the lands under water, adjacent to the same, conveyed by C. Mitchell to James and Elijah Hale, and containing 10 acres.

13. A piece of land in the town of Harrison, Westchester County, on the Barry road, bounded by lands of Messrs. Hatfield, Harrison and Halstead, and Mesdames Sophia Delmar and Charity Hare.

14. A piece of land on Barry Road, corner of David Halstead land, to the centre of Mamaroneck River, and thence to the corner of Rye Neck and Barry roads.

15. A piece of land in town of Harrison, on north of Rye Neck road, adjoining the Miller burying-ground, and also a piece on south side of said road.

16. A farm in the town of Harrison, on the lane leading to A. A. Purdy's house, adjacent to land of Buckout, Halsted, Burger, White, Allen, Purdy and Hatfield.

17. A piece of land in the town of Harrison, between lands of Hatfield, Burger and former lands of A. Robertson and S. Purdy, deceased, containing about 5 acres.

For terms and particulars apply to GEORGE P. NELSON, Esq., No. 99 Liberty-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF BROOKLYN PROPERTY, PART OF THE LOMILLARD ESTATE, BY DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT, IN PARTITION.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at public auction, under the direction of Philo T. Ruggles, referee, at the City Salesroom, Phenix Buildings, No. 9 Court-st., in Brooklyn, on TUESDAY, March 16, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon, the following real estate, situated at the Atlantic Basin, City of Brooklyn:

4 lots on west side of Hamilton-av., commencing 274 feet 11 inches north from Conover-st., each 25x80.

4 lots on east side of India Wharf, in rear of above, commencing 274 feet 11 inches north from Conover-st., each 25x100, making the whole plot 100x200.

1 lot on east side of India Wharf, commencing 34 feet 1 inch north from Conover-st., 25 feet 1 inch x 100.

1 lot on northwest corner of Hamilton-av. and Conover-st., 24 feet 11 inches in front on Hamilton-av., 32 feet 7 inches in rear, 40 feet deep on north side, and 50 feet 10 inches on Conover-st.

1 lot on east side of Imlay-st. and Hamilton-av., 47 feet 8 inches on Imlay-st., 11 feet 5 inches on Hamilton-av., 20 feet 7 inches on the westerly side, and 50 feet on the easterly side.

1 lot on southerly side of Imlay-st., running through from Hamilton-av. to Summit-st., 21 feet 4 inches on Imlay-st., 44 feet 2 inches on Hamilton-av., 20 feet on Summit-st., and 47 feet 4 inches on the southerly side.

Fifty per cent. of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for a term of years.

Maps of the premises may be seen at the office of the auctioneers, No. 77 Cedar-st., in the City of New-York, and at the office of JACOB COLE & SON, No. 350 Fulton-st., in the City of Brooklyn.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. WILL sell at auction on

THURSDAY, March 25,

At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom,

DRIVE ON BOULEVARD—BLOCKS—Part of the Drive or Boulevard and 86th-st., each 25x100, (corner 9.11.)

86TH-ST.—12 lots on north side 86th-st., 100 feet east of 10th-av., each 25 by various depths, from 113 to 120.6.

10TH-AV.—4 lots north side 10th-av., 100 feet west of 86th-av., each 25 by half the block.

86TH-ST.—1 lot south side 86th-st., near of the last described on south side 86th-st., and of the same dimensions.

MADISON-AV.—8 lots on east side Madison-av., next to a.m. corner of 44th-st., each 25x100. 60 per cent. can remain.

WEST 27TH-ST.—The three-story brick house and lot No. 114 West 27th-st., 400 feet west of 6th-av., on the south side, Lot 20 by 98. block House 20x40. Half on mortgage.

Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

LARGE SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND BONDS, BY ORDER OF EXECUTORS.

M. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, March 18, 1869, at 1 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, Merchants' Exchange, by order of John Solomon, Executor, a large Federal railroad bonds. For full particulars see sale section of issue in World and Sunday Times. Lots now ready for the auctioneers.

WILLIAM J. SCHENCK, } Executors.
DAVID G. LEGGETT, }

D. M. SEAMAN, Auctioneer.

GREENE-ST. PROPERTY.—D. M. SEAMAN will sell at auction, on MONDAY, March 15, 1869, at 12 M., at Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the valuable premises, with buildings thereon, known as

NOS. 18 AND 20 GREENE-ST.,
(Marble fronts.)

NOS. 19 AND 21 GREENE-ST.,
(Brick fronts.)

Maps, &c., at No. 11 Pine-st.

D. M. SEAMAN, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE TWENTY-FIVE PROPERTY.—D. M. SEAMAN will sell at auction on MONDAY, March 15, at 12 o'clock, at Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

1. Twenty-five.—Two Brick-fronts five-story and basement brick houses, Nos. 120 and 122 Mercer-st., each 25x50.

2. Brick-st.—Valuable lot, with three-story and attic brick house, Nos. 7 and 9 Brick-st., and rear lot, double tenement house, in rear, No. 20 Harry-st., lot 25x100.

The above houses are rented under, will arrange, and will sell at very liberal terms. Maps, &c., of No. 11 Pine-st.

JUDITH M. PERRY, Auctioneer.

A COTTON SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY, AT NEW-BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND.

PERRY, FALLON & CO., No. 64 Pine-st., will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, March 18, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, 24th March, at 12 o'clock P., the valuable House and lot on the Terrace, at New-Brighton, formerly owned by John Williamson, Esq. House frontage about 12 with extend, built in the best manner, with all the modern improvements, three stories and attic; large grounds, fine shrubbery, fruit, &c. Lot 100 feet wide by 175 deep, garden, &c. Also, one lot of the most extensive and desirable situations on the north shore of the Island.

Sale absolute. Terms and further particulars at the office of auctioneers.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR the City and County of New-York.—MARIA N. LITTLEFIELD against WILLIAM F. MORGAN and others.—In pursuance of a judgment of this Court, made in the above entitled action, and bearing date the 11th day of March, 1869, I, the undersigned, referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction on the 7th day of April next, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, by AMOS M. MERRILL, Esq., Auctioneer, the following-described real estate, situated in the City of New-York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-st., distant one hundred (100) feet westerly from the westerly side of Fourth (4th) avenue, thence southerly parallel with said avenue one hundred (100) feet, thence westerly parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-street (125th) forty feet, thence northerly parallel with said avenue one hundred (100) feet to the southerly side of said One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-street (125th), thence easterly along the southerly side of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-street (125th) forty feet to the place of beginning.—Dated March 11, 1869.

THOMAS H. LANDON, Referee.
L. T. WEEKES, Plaintiff's Attorney.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION administer it in the most approved manner, do nothing but extract teeth, and they certainly do that without pain. Office, No. 18 Cooper Union.

PERSONAL.

WANTED—INFORMATION OF KATIE JONES RYAN, aged 15 years, who left home on Monday last, and has not been heard of since. Any person giving her address will be liberally rewarded by HANNAH RYAN, No. 1,037 3d-av.

MISCELLANEOUS.

100,000 BROOK TROUT, FOUR-pounders, for sale at Richland Trout Pond, at $25 to $30 per M.; also, 50,000 Brook Trout, can be sent by express. Address O. T. WILLIAMS, Richland Station, Oswego County, N. Y., or WYBOW PARDEE, Oswego.

ABSOLUTE DIVORCES LEGALLY obtained in Western States, without personal appearance; no charge until divorce obtained; advice free. M. HOUSER, Attorney, No. 79 Nassau-st.

DR. E. E. FOOTE, AUTHOR OF "MEDICAL Common Sense," may be consulted in person or by letter at his office, No. 120 Lexington-av., corner of 28th-st. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Consultation free.

AUCTION SALES.

LEAVITT, STEREHIGH & CO., Auctioneers.

GREAT AUTOGRAPH SALE.

LEAVITT, STEREHIGH & CO., CLINTON HALL, ASTOR-PLACE, NEW-YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 15, AND FOLLOWING DAYS, AT 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

A large and valuable collection of autograph letters, including many choice and rare specimens of the American Revolution, Authors and Statesmen, and Generals of the American Revolution, Signers of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States, together with Rare Autographs, Collected Letters, &c., &c., &c.,

AFFAIRS AT ALBANY.

Report of the Legislative Investigating Committee.

Immense Sums of Money Used to Influence Legislation.

Where the Money was Obtained and to Whom it was Paid.

Allegations Against Members of the Legislature Unsustained by Evidence.

Important Change in the Bribery Law Recommended.

The Constitutional Amendment Made the Special Order for Tuesday—Report on the Senate Committee on Bribery and Corruption—The Tax Commissioners' Bill—The Case of Real.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, March 11, 1869.

There was a large accession to the Albany lobby this morning, including several prominent politicians from New-York—Comptroller CONNOLLY, PETER B. SWEENEY and Sheriff O'BRIEN among the number. The last named has brought us his bill, vetoed last year, for increasing the fees of his office.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

In pursuance of an agreement made with leading Democratic members of the Assembly last night, Mr. HUSTED, Chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations, to-day reported a resolution ratifying the Fifteenth Constitutional Amendment, and moved that it be made the special order for Tuesday next, which was agreed to nem. con. The Democrats will not resort to any filibustering schemes or parliamentary dodges to defeat or delay the ratification of the amendment. They only ask that they shall not be cut off by the previous question, from speaking against it, and the majority have agreed to allow them that privilege.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

A large number of bills were progressed to-day and several unimportant ones advanced to a third reading. The bill incorporating a cab company in New-York was virtually killed by absurd amendments offered by New-York members, one of which provides that the fare shall not exceed twenty-five cents to any part of the City.

Judge CAMPBELL's general bill for bonding towns in aid of railroads was also loaded down with amendments enough to crush the life out of it.

THE ARCADE RAILROAD AGAIN.

Among the latest and probably the last railroad bill for New-York City is the famous "Arcade" Road under Broadway, which reappeared in the Senate to-day. This road met with remarkable success at the last session of the Legislature, having passed the Assembly unanimously and only failing in the Senate by two votes. It is a magnificent scheme on paper, and strikes people at first glance more favorably than any other plan for a steam railroad in New-York, but doubts are expressed whether its cost will not render it impracticable.

THE NEW-YORK TAX COMMISSIONERS.

The bill authorizing the Comptroller to appoint four Commissioners of Taxes for New-York City, to hold office five years, was up in Senate Committee of the Whole to-day. During the discussion Mr. CREAMER, the author of the bill, said that it was not a Democratic measure, and that the appointments would not be, and ought not to be, made on party grounds. Being asked whether he said this by authority, he replied that when the same bill was before the Legislature last year, the Comptroller told him that if the appointments were given to him he should disregard politics in making the selections, and follow the course of his predecessor in appointing the Commissioners of Charities and Correction. The bill was progressed.

THE CASE OF REAL—NO PARDON APPLIED FOR.

It has been stated in several newspapers that a great pressure had been brought to bear upon Governor HOFFMAN to induce him to pardon REAL, the murderer of Policeman BREDICK, but that the Governor had resolutely refused. I have the best authority for saying, that up to 1 P. M. to-day, no human being has ever spoken to the Governor upon the subject, nor have any applications for the pardon of REAL been made to the Governor by letter, petition or otherwise. The only documents relating to REAL thus far received, are a certified copy of the evidence given on the trial, which was sent to the Governor by the Judge who tried the prisoner, and which the Governor has read. S.

A Republican Caucus.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Thursday, March 11.

A caucus of Republican members of the Assembly was held this evening to consult upon certain measures now pending before the Legislature. There was a full attendance. The ratification of the Constitutional amendment was first considered, and it was agreed to give it a unanimous and hearty support. The bill now pending in the Senate, to give the appointment of Tax Commissioners in New-York to the Comptroller, was then discussed and laid over for future consideration. The prevailing sentiment was against the bill. The third and last subject considered was Mr. CHASE's bill, continuing in force, with certain modifications, the present canal contract system. This, too, was laid over without definite action. The utmost harmony prevailed.

The Senate held an evening session, and continued the discussion on STANFORD's bill to repeal the canal contract system. The bill was progressed, and will doubtless pass the Senate.

LEGISLATIVE CORRUPTION.

Senator Hale's Report on the Alleged Corruption in Regard to Railroad Legislation.

To the Senate:

The select Committee appointed pursuant to the resolution passed April 16, 1868, to inquire and ascertain "whether any party or parties interested in supporting or opposing any measures relating to railway companies have, either in person or by agent, directly or indirectly, paid or offered to pay any member or members of the Senate during that session any money or other valuable thing, to influence his or their vote or action in Senate or committee;" and the further resolution passed May 1, 1868, by which said Committee was authorized to sit during the recess and to report to the next regular session of the Senate, respectfully report:

That your Committee entered immediately upon the duties assigned to them, and have been engaged in the investigation on which they entered at various times during the session of 1868, the recess of the Legislature and the present session.

Your Committee's attention has been called principally to the great contest of last session between the friends and opponents of what was commonly known as the "Erie bill," which resulted in the passage of the act entitled "an act in relation to the Erie, New-York Central, Hudson River and Harlem Railway Companies," passed April 21, 1868.

Your Committee first called before them and examined some of those who had been by rumor most widely designated as lobbyists or persons in attendance on the Legislature, engaged on either side of this controversy. Messrs. JOHN B. DUTCHER and ABRAHAM VAN VECHTEN, who were known as opponents of the bill, and Messrs. HIRAM J. HASTINGS, JAY GOULD, JULIAN WILLIAMS and DYER D. H. SHOWN, who were among the advocates of the measure, also the Treasurers of the Hudson River and Harlem Railroads, corporations supposed to be interested in opposing the bill.

These persons all denied any knowledge or information other than that derived from common rumor of the case, or offer of any money or valuable thing, or any promise or offer of moneys for the purposes indicated in the resolution.

The attention of your committee was next called to an article in the New-York *Tribune*, charging that one Senator had taken money on both sides, and that over $100,000 had been paid to influence corruptly the action of other Senators in the premises. They summoned before them the writer of this article, Hon. HORACE GREELEY, to ascertain the evidence upon which it was written. The name of Hon. THOMAS C. FIELDS was given by Mr. GREELEY as that of his informant. Your Committee accordingly examined him, and also Senator MATTOON and Mr. ASAHEL W. COLE, whose names were mentioned by Mr. GREELEY.

Toward the close of the session a Senator, who received information that led him to believe that a lobbyist had attempted to get money from the friends of the "Erie Bill" on the pretence that he could thereby secure his vote, called the attention of your Committee to such information, in consequence of which subpœnas were issued, and after some difficulty the attendance of Messrs. JOHN VAN VALKENBURGH and LEWIS F. PAYNE was procured. The facts, as testified to by these, are stated in a subsequent part of this report.

Other witnesses were then called, as the facts developed and statements made to your Committee seemed to require. The evidence reported having been taken at various times, as the presence of witnesses could be obtained, is without arrangement; much of it, too, is simply of a negative character.

Your Committee therefore think it necessary in this report to state some of the material facts proved, and the bearing they have upon the subject matter of the investigation.

The first inquiry naturally suggested was whether money was actually expended by Railway Companies with the intent that it should be used for unlawful purposes.

The Treasurers of the Hudson River and Harlem Railroads both testify that no money was drawn from the treasuries of their roads for the purpose referred to. Mr. DREW, the Treasurer of the Erie Railway Company, until July, 1868, also swears that he had no knowledge of any money being paid out of the treasury of that Company for the purpose of procuring legislation; but he testified that Mr. ELDRIDGE, the President of the road, drew $200,000 out of the treasury before the session of the Legislature, ostensibly for the purposes of litigation, which was charged on the books of the Company to Mr. ELDRIDGE individually, and which had not been accounted for when he retired from the office of Treasurer in July last; and that no money other than that had then been drawn out of the treasury to pay the expenses of the Company at Albany. It is evident from the testimony that large amounts of money were actually paid for various purposes. Mr. GOULD paid $6,000 to LEWIS F. PAYNE, and $2,000 to same person, (he thinks his name was WILLIAM KING,) for Mr. D. D. S. BROWN, of Rochester, and something more than $25,000, and he thinks less than $50,000, not including payments by draft, to counsel and agents. Mr. THOMPSON paid $5,000 to PAYNE, and upward of $20,000 to LUTHER CALDWELL, which was refunded to him by the Erie Railway Company. It is clear, therefore, that large sums of money did come from the treasury of the Erie Railway Company, which were expended for some purpose in Albany for which no vouchers seem to have been filed in the office of the Company. The objects of the expenditure cannot be learned from the books of the Company. The testimony of Mr. DREW shows where these moneys have come from. Whether the creation of so large a fund was that intrusted to Mr. ELDRIDGE in this instance, the expenditure of which is left entirely to the discretion of a single individual, and for which no vouchers or accounts are required, is usual with railroad companies, your Committee are not informed. It is a question of more immediate interest to stockholders of the companies. Mr. ELDRIDGE being a citizen of and in another State, his attendance before your Committee could not be compelled. He was invited by letter to appear and testify, but the invitation was not responded to.

The testimony leaves no doubt in the minds of your Committee that large sums of money were in fact paid for the intent that they should be used for purposes of influencing legislation unlawfully. In the only cases in which your Committee have been able to obtain any direct evidence as to the moneys so furnished, were not in fact used for the purpose intended, but went to enrich members of the lobby.

The case of LEWIS F. PAYNE furnishes a remarkable example of credulity on the part of the parties expending money, and of impudence and duplicity on the part of the person receiving it.

PAYNE was a harbor-master in New-York, and as such receiving, as he testified, some $250 per month. He had never been in the employ of a railroad company; had no profession, nor any extensive general acquaintance or influence. Still he was paid the sum of $10,000, as he pretends, for a few days' services in Albany in advocating the "Erie bill." Mr. THOMPSON paid him $5,000 in New-York, and Mr. GOULD, though he "did not take much stock" in him, as he says, (not having heard of THOMPSON's payment,) gave him $5,000 here to "smooth him over!" It will not be credited that these amounts were paid him simply for services. They were obtained by him, as no one can doubt from reading the evidence, on the pretence that with such a sum he could secure a Senator's vote. The testimony of VAN VALKENBURGH with that of Mr. THOMPSON and Senator PALMER is conclusive upon this point, and it was only on ascertaining that the Senator referred to was opposed to the bill, and that his character for integrity and honor was so high as to render any effort at producing a change in his views perfectly hopeless, that pecuniary inducements not only useless but absurd, that the attempt was made to get back the money from PAYNE, which gave rise to the angry controversy spoken to by VAN VALKENBURGH, which led to bringing the matter to the knowledge of the Senator, whose surprise and indignation at the attempt of so base an attempt to make merchandise of his good name, caused him to give your Committee the information which enabled them to discover the facts.

The case of LUTHER CALDWELL is still more extraordinary. Mr. CALDWELL's name was first mentioned in the testimony taken before your Committee by Mr. GREELEY, who testified that Mr. A. W. COLE had stated that $100,000 was placed in the hands of LUTHER CALDWELL and RUSSELL F. HICKS to influence legislation. Mr. COLE was then called, and while he did not profess to have any actual knowledge on the subject, gave information which led your Committee to call Senator NICKS as a witness. He testified that in a conversation with CALDWELL, in explanation of the fact that he had suddenly left Albany pending the "Erie contest," Mr. CALDWELL had told him (Senator NICKS) that "the party known as the Vanderbilt party, or the opposition to the bill, had made a proposition to him to have him leave Albany, and that he had informed Mr. GOULD of the proposition they had made him, and that he had told Mr. GOULD that he was going away; that they (the Vanderbilt party) proposed to give him $70,000 if he would leave Albany; that they did so, and he went away; that he had before read from the "Erie side" a very liberal compensation for his services; that they wanted him to take his pay in Central Railroad stock, but that he refused this and demanded the money, which was paid to him "in all kinds of bills." That he did not say by whom the money was paid, but referred to the "Vanderbilt party" as "they," and that somewhere in this connection the name of JOHN B. DUTCHER was mentioned.

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If these large amounts were paid to Mr. CALDWELL for any lawful purpose, and such purpose was accomplished, or the money used in good faith, as was intended, there would probably be no hesitation on the part of those having knowledge in furnishing proof of the facts. If, as would seem from the evidence, these large amounts of money were diverted from the purpose for which they were paid, and appropriated by the agent selected to his own use, the fact that no proceedings, civil or criminal, appear to have been instituted against the agent, raises a strong presumption that it was paid for some unlawful purpose. In that case, those who alone would be likely to complain of the fraudulent diversion might well fear that a criminal prosecution would develop too much and show too many crimes, while the legal maxim, *in pari delicto*, etc., would serve a sufficient obstacle to success in a civil action.

Your Committee think there can be no doubt that so large sums must have been intended either for unlawful and corrupt purposes—and tending to a conclusion with the evidence of Mr. DREW and others, that there was no such as many "rumors" about the unlawful use of money, the conviction is forced upon the minds of your Committee, as they think it must be upon those of all who peruse this testimony, that such money was intended both for and against bills pending in the Legislature, and that it was with the intent and for the purpose of corruptly and unlawfully influencing legislation.

We are thus led to the inquiry whether such purposes was actually carried out by the payment of money made and its acceptance by any members of the Senate.

This inquiry, carried on by members of the body whose reputation is affected by the charge, is, of course, one of great delicacy and difficulty. Your Committee could not assume, without any charge being made against any Senator, that "any one" had been guilty. They therefore adopted the course of examining first, the editors of various newspapers in which charges more or less specific had been made, and then other persons who were referred to in the testimony or otherwise as having knowledge or information on the subject.

The first editor called was Mr. GREELEY. He had in an article in the New-York *Tribune* used this language: "Can Senator FOLGER really mean to scout investigation as usual? Does he not know that quite a number of his fellow-Senators have sold their votes in the Drew-Vanderbilt quarrel—some of them more than once? Can he not lay his hand at once on the Senator who is currently reported to have sold his vote and influence first to one side for $15,000, then to the other for $20,000, insisting that he must have $1,500 extra for his son? Is he not morally certain that more than $100,000 has been paid to influence corruptly the action of Senators in the premises?"

Mr. GREELEY was asked to what Senator he alluded as having sold his vote and influence, first for $15,000 and then for $20,000, and replied, "Senator MATTOON," and gave Hon. THOMAS C. FIELDS as his authority for the charge against him. He could state no fact in reference to any other Senator. After detailing his conversation with Mr. FIELDS, Mr. GREELEY was asked if he had any other information in regard to Mr. MATTOON, to which he replied, "I do not know that I have especially; I have the information which you have here, that he agreed with the report on one side and then voted on the other side."

Mr. FIELDS testified that he had in a conversation with Mr. GREELEY "understood that Senator MATTOON had received money for his vote, and that he had sold Mr. GOULD the vote of Senator NICKS" (meaning that Senator NICKS had told him that "the party known as the Vanderbilt party, or the opposition to the bill, had made a proposition to him to have him leave Albany, and that he had informed Mr. GOULD of the proposition they had made him, and that he had told Mr. GOULD that he was going away; that they (the Vanderbilt party) proposed to give him $70,000 if he would leave Albany; that they did so, and he went away; that he had before read from the "Erie side" a very liberal compensation for his services; that they wanted him to take his pay in Central Railroad stock, but that he refused this and demanded the money, which was paid to him "in all kinds of bills." That he did not say by whom the money was paid, but referred to the "Vanderbilt party" as "they," and that somewhere in this connection the name of JOHN B. DUTCHER was mentioned.

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The New-York *Tribune* is a corporation either real or fictitious, and is not in any sense more than if the allegation had put direct the name of the oldest Senator in this body, based upon the statement of the fellow printers had sold their votes in the Drew-Vanderbilt quarrel—and it would be equally true.

Upon examining Mr. GREELEY, who wrote the article, it appeared that he had no information even as to more than one Senator, and that was derived from a man who stated it merely as a rumor, of the truth of which he had no knowledge. The name of the Senator thus referred to had named a Senator as having been guilty of the crime of bribery upon no ground other than a statement of what somebody had told him he had read in the New-York *Tribune*, not even taking the trouble to read the article referred to by authority.

The case of Mr. JOHN F. MUNN, a correspondent of the New-York *Independent*, Rochester *Democrat*, Brooklyn *Union* and New-York *Observer*, shows still more strikingly the utter recklessness of truth with which such charges are sometimes made. Mr. MUNN is a gentleman, then an attaché of the Senate, holding an office by the favor of the Lieutenant-Governor, in which he performed no substantial service, except to draw his salary, after adjournment of the Legislature wrote an elaborate article for the *Independent*, in which, among other things, he said that the Legislature of 1868 was the "worst assemblage of official thieves that ever disgraced the capital of the Empire State." While admitting that there were "honest and pure men in the Senate who had the courage to stand at bay," he said in this article that they "were in a powerless minority," and "is the Legislature of 1868 exceeded all its predecessors in corruption?" Its private venality was only equaled by its eagerness for public plunder."

Your Committee having their attention called to this article, over the initials of a person whose connection with the Legislature was so intimate, not only from his official relations to the Senate, but from the fact of his having been the Albany correspondent of several newspapers, also connected to some extent with the lobby, summoned him before them to ascertain the basis of his sweeping and deliberate charges. In long examination, in which he was interrogated fully as to his knowledge, he was unable to state a fact within his personal knowledge to sustain his allegations, or to point to any fact within the name of any person from whom he had received information of any such facts, or in any way to aid your Committee in their investigations. Indeed, this witness stated that when he heard rumors of corruption he it purposely investigated no further, for "he did not try to know these rumors to facts." With such avidity did this writer for a professedly religious newspaper seize hold of scandalous rumors, utterly regardless of their truth or falsehood, as the basis of a "sensation article" written for pay!

While your Committee recognise fully the right and duty of the Press to criticise and comment upon the conduct of men in public life, they are satisfied that such indiscriminate attacks upon a legislative body, based upon idle rumors, and written by men who take pains not to ascertain the truth or falsehood of what they write, are not only unjust, scandalous, and in a very high degree reprehensible, but tend directly to encourage and increase the evil which they profess to desire to correct. Public scoundrels who purposely abstain from such investigation as will enable them to know the facts, by making indiscriminate and general charges, and in covering guilt where it really exists, are diverting attention from those who deserve censure and punishment.

The result of the labors of your Committee may be summarily stated thus:

1. Large sums of money were expended for corrupt purposes by parties interested in legislation concerning railways during the session of 1868.

2. Lobbyists were thus enriched, and in some cases received money on the false pretence that the votes of Senators were to be thereby influenced.

3. There is no proof of actual bribery of any Senator.

4. The newspaper charges made in the instances that were brought to the notice of your Committee were founded upon rumor alone, and have been in no case sustained by the evidence of the writers or other proof.

Your Committee deem it their duty, however, to express the opinion that, under the law as it now exists, it is almost impossible to prove the crime of bribery where it has been committed. Both the parties to the transaction, who alone can ordinarily have knowledge of the commission of the crime, are now liable to the same punishment. True the testimony given by one on the trial of another cannot be used against the person testifying; but he well knows that such testimony necessarily gives the right to evidence by which he himself can be convicted and punished. The result is either a refusal to testify, or remarkable forgetfulness or something worse.

Your Committee therefore recommend a change in the law, by which the giver of a bribe, which is accepted, shall receive a full pardon upon conviction. They recommend this not from any disposition to palliate the guilt of the party giving bribes, but because public policy requires that the means of obtaining proof should be facilitated, and this can be done only by exempting from punishment one of the guilty parties, the guilt of the party who, by accepting a bribe, betrays a public trust and violates his official oath is (if there can be any degrees in guilt of this kind) greater than that of him who gives it. At all events, your Committee think the Legislature owes it to its own reputation and dignity to adopt such measures as are best adapted to remove every obstacle that now exists to a full and thorough investigation as to the conduct of any of its members.

This change in the existing law, after much discussion in the recent Constitutional Convention, was inserted as a provision in the proposed new Constitution, and has frequently been urged upon the Legislature. To refuse to adopt it would subject the Legislature, with some degree of plausibility, if not justice, to the charge of willingness to expose itself to the risk of inviting evidence as to the truth or falsehood of the charges so often made against its purity and honor.

For the protection of the innocent that may be unjustly accused, from motives of malignant revenge, it is recommended that upon trials for this crime, the party charged be allowed to testify in his own behalf.

Your Committee are also of the opinion that some legislation is necessary to prevent the depositing of large sums of money with persons of the lobby for purposes of corruption, and to prevent the use of the money of corporations by their directors, officers or agents with intent to violate the laws against bribery. And, with that view, they respectfully recommend the adoption, with such modification and amendment as may seem proper, of the bill for "the more effectual suppression and punishment of bribery" heretofore introduced by their Chairman, and now on the files of the Senate.

It is perhaps proper to state that Senator HOWARD, who was originally upon the Committee, was, at the close of the last session, excused from serving upon it further, and that Senator NICHOLS was then appointed in his place.

M. HALE,
FRANCIS S. THAYER, } Committee.
ASHER P. NICHOLS.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Dated March 11, 1869.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE—ALBANY, Thursday, March 11.

BILLS REPORTED.

Amending the charters of Sag Harbor and Mohawk.

Amending the act opening Lafayette-square in Brooklyn.

Revising the charters of the village of Warsaw and City of Auburn.

Relative to the TAX Commissioner of New-York, previously recommitted.

Incorporating the Passengers' Transit Company of New-York.

Relative to sewerage; also, to the Wallabout Improvement, and for the completion of Atlantic-avenue in the City of Brooklyn.

Adversely to extending the canal of the Brooklyn Improvement Company.

In reference to juries in the District Courts of New-York.

Incorporating the Tritonia Schuetzen Company of New-York.

Adversely to continuing the charter of the Brandport and Penn-Yan Plank Road.

To amend the law relative to the formation of corporations for manufacturing and other purposes.

Mr. CREAMER gave notice of a bill incorporating the Arcade Railway Company of New-York. It will be similar to the bill of last year.

The bill amending the charter of the East India Telegraph Company was passed.

The bill authorizing the Smith & Parmelee Gold Company to issue preferred stock was lost.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. MATTOON—To incorporate the Niagara Ship Canal Company.

By Mr. CAULDWELL—To incorporate the White Plains Waterworks.

By Mr. CREAMER—Reviving the charter of the New-York Stream Transit Company.

By Mr. MATTOON—Facilitating the transportation of freight and regulating the prices thereof on certain railroads. It prohibits the Central, Erie, Hudson and Harlem Roads from charging for freight carried 150 miles more than for through freight and grades the extra percentage for shorter distances between April and December to charge not more than thirty per cent. above rates in Summer.

By Mr. TWEED—To amend the charter of the New-York Harmonic Society. Also, in relation to the Nursery and Childs' Hospital of New-York, authorizing the payment of $5 per week to each female inmate, and $10 per month for every child born therein. Also, creating the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital of New-York. Also, relating to the grading of Fifth-avenue. Also, incorporating the Presbyterian Home for Aged Women in New-York.

By Mr. MURPHY—Authorizing the sale of a portion of Prospect Park. Also, to widen Ninth-avenue and Fifteenth-street, in Brooklyn.

By Mr. PIERCE—Opening Underhill-avenue, in Brooklyn. Also, for the improvement of Douglass and President streets.

Mr. HALE—From the Select Committee, to investigate the charges of improper influence in the Senate in reference to legislation regarding railroads last Winter, submitted a report and testimony. In conclusion the report recommends as a remedy the passage of Mr. HALE's bill on bribery and corruption.

On motion of Mr. STANFORD the bill abolishing penal contracts was made the special order for this evening.

Recess.

ASSEMBLY.

BILLS CONSIDERED AND THEN READING.

Authorizing the issue of bonds in aid of the Hoosac and Southington Railway, by towns along the line of the road.

Authorizing the issue of mortgages, trustees, etc., and others to form societies and associations for mutual aid and protection.

On motion of Mr. ERNST the bill had a third reading and was passed.

For discharging persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service, from service in the National Guard.

Adjourned.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Thursday, March 11—11 A. M.

Consols closed at 93¼ for money and 93¼ for the account. United Stations Five-twenty Bonds close quiet and steady at 81½. Stocks quiet. Erie, 18¾; Illinois, 97.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, March 11—11 A. M.

COTTON—The market opened quiet at 12d. 9-16d. for Middling Uplands, and closed at 12d. 9-16d. for Middling Orleans. The sales of the day are estimated at 12,000 bales.

Breadstuffs are unchanged.

HAVRE, Thursday, March 11.

COTTON—The market firm for both on the spot and afloat; Free Ordinaire on the spot, 124½f. 0'cwt.

LONDON, Thursday, March 11—7 P. M.

The regular weekly statement of the Bank of England shows that the position in vault has increased £1,000 since last week.

Consols, 93¼ for money and 93 for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, old, 81; Stocks steady; Erie, 18¾; Illinois, 97¼.

PARIS, Thursday, March 11.

The Bourse is firm; Rentes, 70f. 65c.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, March 11—4:30 P. M.

The Cotton market closes dull at 12d. for Middling Uplands, and 12¼d. 9-16¼d. for Middling Orleans. The sales of the day have been 7,000 bales.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, 55s. 6d. ⅌ cwt. for Cumberland Cut.

PRODUCE—Turpentine 31s. 6d. ⅌ cwt.

LONDON, Thursday, March 11—4:30 P. M.

Sugar, 23s. ⅌ cwt. for No. 12 Dutch Standard, on the spot, and 23s. 6d. for March and April.

ANTWERP, Thursday, March 11.

Petroleum quiet at 57¾f. for Standard White.

HAVRE, Thursday, March 11.

The Cotton market is unchanged for both on the spot and afloat.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Thursday, March 11.

EXCHANGE on New-York quiet at 1-10 premium. FLOUR dull; Spring Extras, $4@$4 50; Spring Superfine, $4 25@$4 50. WHEAT dull and easier, demand for cash; Treble Extra Spring, $1 15. CORN dull; No. 2 at 31½@31¾c. OATS dull at 33½@33¾c.; New, small sales at 35c. RYE dull at 55½@56½c. BARLEY quiet and steady at $1 17½@$1 20. BARLEY FIRM at $1 07 for No. 2. SEEDS quiet; Timothy, $3 87½@$4 15; Clover, $6 50@$6 75. WHISKY dull at 85c. PROVISIONS active. Mess PORK advanced 25c., quoted at $30 50. LARD steady and active at 18c. BULK MEATS in fair demand; Short Ribs, 15½c.; Shoulders, 12c. Dressed Hogs firm and in fair demand at $12@$12 25. Live Hogs dull and drooping; Common grades, $8@$8 25; Good to Choice, $8 50@$9 25. CATTLE quiet and weak; Common Cows and Steers, $4@$4 75; Good Shipping, $7@$7 50. RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; Wheat, 71,000 bushels; Corn, 11,000 bushels; Oats, 1,900 bushels; Rye, 2,800 bushels; Barley, 4,000 bushels. SHIPMENTS—2,000 bbls. Flour; 6,800 bushels Wheat; 27,000 bushels Corn; 1,000 bushels Oats; 4,600 bushels Rye; 3,500 bushels Barley.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, March 11.

TOBACCO steady and unchanged. FLOUR dull; Superfine, $3@$3 25; Extra, $3@$3 50; Double Extra, $3 50@$4; Treble Extra, $4@$4 50. WHEAT declining; prime Red and White Fall, $1 20@$1 25; choice Red and White Fall, $1 27@$1 30; choice No. 1 Spring, $1 18; No. 2, $1 08. CORN dull; Yellow and White, 60c.@60½c. OATS dull; Western, 37c.@38c. for Common to Fancy. BARLEY steady; Fresh Iowa, $1 35. RYE heavy at $1 20@$1 25; $1 25 for Prime to Choice. WHISKY quiet, 85c. PROVISIONS heavy and nominal. BACON—Small sales of Shoulders, 12c.; Clear Sides, 17c.; heavy Sides, 17½c. LARD quiet and nominal. WHISKY dull at 85c. CATTLE unchanged. HOGS firm at $7@$8 50. RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; 20,000 bushels Wheat, 10,000 bushels Corn, 1,000 bushels Oats, 6,000 bushels Rye, 5,000 bushels Barley.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Thursday, March 11.

COTTON 3c. lower; Middlings, 26c.; sales, 800 bales; receipts, 4,000 bales; exports, 4,400 bales. GOLD, 132½. EXCHANGE—Sterling, 108½@109; Prime Commercial, 108@109; New-York Sight, ¼ premium. SUGAR dull and lower; Common, 11½c.@12½c.; Prime, 14½c.@14¾c. MOLASSES—Common, 60c.@65c.; Fair, 70c.@75c.; Prime, 80c.@85c.; Choice, $1 05; Fine, $1 25; Double Extra, $1 35; Treble Extra, $1 50. CORN sparse and higher at 82½c.@85c. OATS, 70c. BARLEY—Prime, $3. PORK dull at $32 50. BACON, 14½c.@16½c.; $17 50 for Clear Sides. LARD unchanged. WHISKY dull; Western Rectified, $2@$2 25. COFFEE dull; Fair, 16½c.; Prime, 17½c.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, March 11.

FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT quiet at $1 40 for No. 2 Red; $1 45 for No. 1. CORN firm at 48c. OATS, 37c. RYE firm at $1 45. OATS dull at 35c. BARLEY unchanged. COTTON dull and nominal. PORK dull at $31 50. LARD quiet at 18c. Bulk MEATS firm; Shoulders, 12c.; Clear Sides, 16½c. BACON held at 18½c.@19½c. WHISKY, Clear Ribs SIDES sold at 16½c. LARD quiet and in less demand. GOLD, 132½. EXCHANGE, par buying.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 11.

All trade very dull. COTTON lower; Middling Uplands, 28½c. FLOUR and GRAIN nominally unchanged. BARK—No. 1 sales at $36. CLOVERSEED quiet at $8@$9. COFFEE and MOLASSES unchanged. PROVISIONS dull. PORK firmer. LARD and GREEN MEATS declined ½c. WHISKY dull; Crude, 84c.; Refined, 86c. GOLD, 132½@132¾. FLOUR weak; Superfine, $3@$3 25; Extras, $3 50@$4. WHEAT declining and unsettled; Red, $1 20@$1 22; Amber, $1 25@$1 27; California, $1 30@$1 35. CORN dull; Yellow, 80c.@81c.; Mixed, 78c.@79c. OATS, 38c.@39c. RYE, $1 40@$1 45. BARLEY, $1 40@$1 45. WHISKY, Pennsylvania, 85c. Ohio, 84c.

BUFFALO, Thursday, March 11.

FLOUR dull at $4@$4 50 for City-grown Spring. WHEAT entirely nominal. CORN in fair demand for Western; sales of 12,000 bushels at 80c., on the track. RYE is scarce. OATS held at 40c. for Canadian. BARLEY, $1 20. BARLEY dull; held at $1 10 for Canadian. PEAS dull; asking $1 25. SEEDS dull; Clover nominal at $9. PROVISIONS—Pork dull at $31 50. Lard dull at 18c. Hams dull at 20@22c. Shoulders nominal at 12½c.

OSWEGO, Thursday, March 11.

FLOUR dull; Sales 700 bbls. at $4 for No. 1 Spring; $3 50@$3 75 for Amber Winter; $4 50@$4 60 for Double Extra. WHEAT quiet; No. 1 Milwaukee Club, $1 45; No. 2 do., $1 35. White Canada, $1 60@$1 65. CORN, 90c. for No. 2 Western. BARLEY held at $1 40@$1 50 for Canadian. PROVISIONS steady. Shorts, $27; Shipstuffs, $26@$28 ⅌ ton. Rail-freight, 7½c. ⅌ bush. to Boston, 6½c. to New-York, 5½c., and to Albany, 3½c.

MILWAUKEE, Thursday, March 11.

FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT—No. 1, $1 18; No. 2, $1 08. OATS firm; No. 1, 44c.@45c. CORN weak; New, 54½c.@55½c. RYE steady; No. 1, $1 14@$1 16. BARLEY firm and unsettled; Inferior, No. 1, $1 25. PROVISIONS quiet and nominally unchanged. Lower; sales at $31 75@$32. RECEIPTS—2,000 bbls. Flour, 27,000 bushels Wheat, 1,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Rye, 5,000 bushels Barley. SHIPMENTS—6,000 bbls. Flour, 3,000